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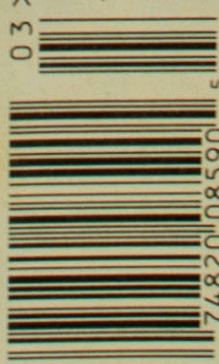
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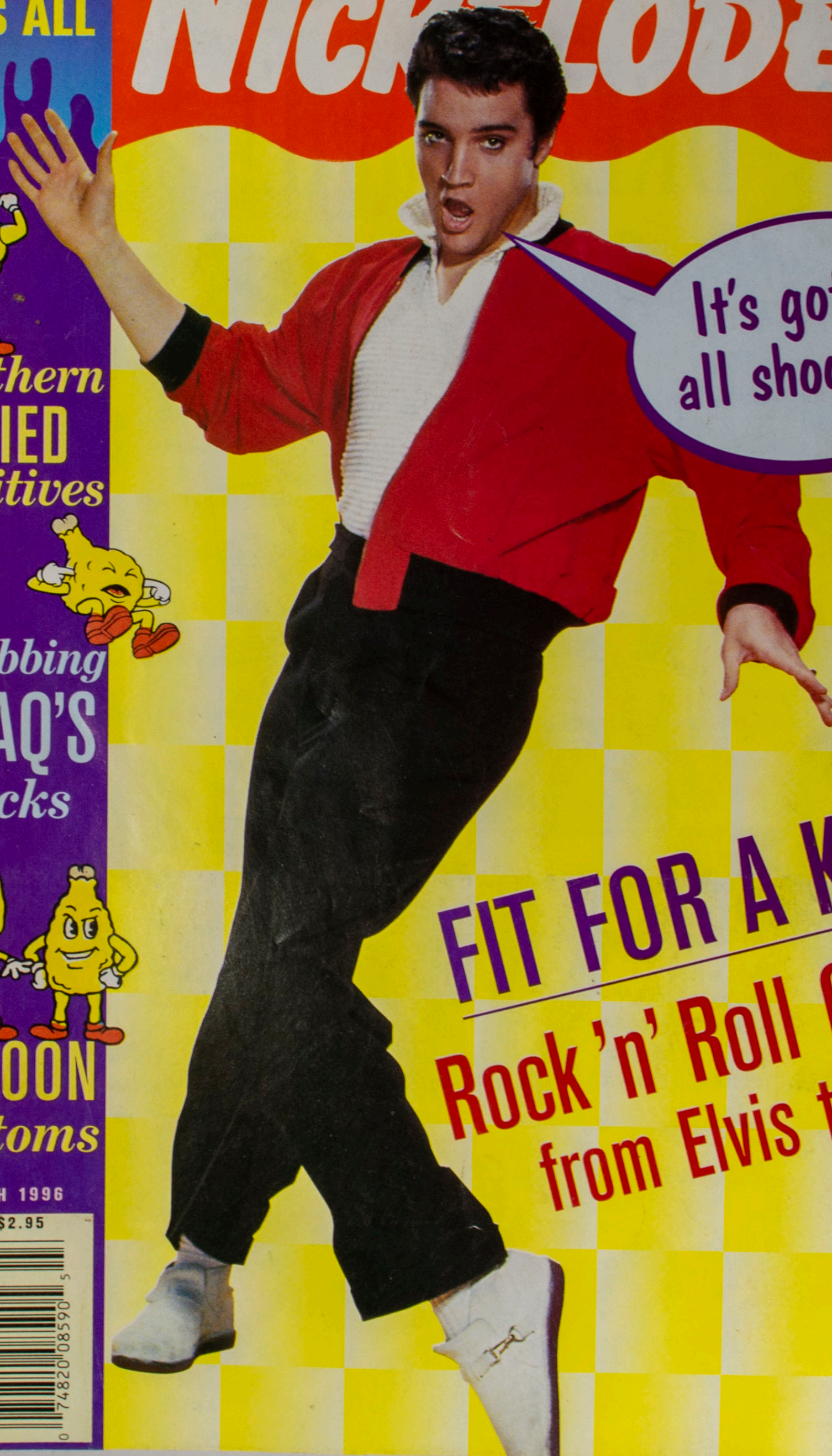
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Find something whose name has 'Kit' in it.

Hey, when you're finished with these puzzles, give your brain a break and have a

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Are there more round things or striped things?

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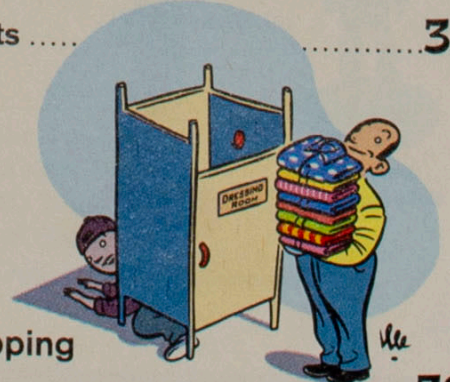
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I'm Zelda, the magazine's roving reporter. Look for me and my biting wit throughout the issue.

Attention

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LETTERS to the EDITORS



Dear Nick Mag,
I made your Earth Pie recipe [November 1995]. I showed the magazine to my class, and that very day we started a lesson on the layers of the Earth. My teacher, Mrs. Shabunia, agreed to make your Earth Pie since it was educational. Please make more educational food.
Alyssa T., age 10
Preston, Connecticut

Dear Alyssa,
Look for Particle Physics Party Mix and Chlorophyll Crunch recipes in future issues.

Dear Nick Mag,
The pictures of the naked mole rats [November 1995] grossed my sister out! I think they are cute. We studied them in school. The other kids thought they were cute, too, but the teacher did not!
Chelsea C., age 9
Longview, Texas

Dear Chelsea,
There are two kinds of people in this world: those who think naked

mole rats are cute and those who think they aren't.

Dear Nick Mag,
Sometimes the Say What? is on the back of the Answers page. When someone wants to mail the Say What? in, the Answers page has to be mailed in also.
Kayla J., age 12
Rochester, Minnesota

Dear Kayla,
Lots of kids have written in about this problem, so we moved the Answers page. But since you're all so smart, you probably don't even need the Answers page.

Dear Nick Mag,
I think my cat is in love with Zelda. His name is Mario.
Melody L., age 10
Cathedral City, California

Dear Melody,
Zelda already has a boyfriend, Rufus FitzPumpkin, the Irish setter and poet. Has Mario tried the purrsonal ads?

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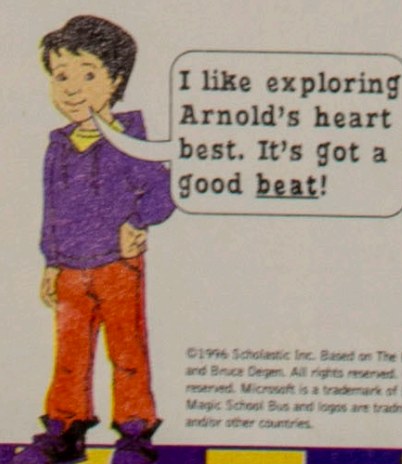
A List of Body Parts

by Dorothy Ann
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large intestine, liver,
kidneys, lungs,
heart, mouth, skin

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Whatever We Want

FOLKS WHO ARE DUDS ^R

Some items of clothing are named after real people. Can you tell which of the five stories below are true and which are false?

Answers on page 55.



1. High-top sneakers were invented by Hy Topp, an NBA basketball star with weak ankles. He designed sneakers that provided extra ankle support.
2. Wellingtons are boots that cover the knee. They're named for the first Duke of Wellington, a British general who claimed he was successful in battle because his soldiers had the best shoes in Europe.
3. A macintosh is a waterproof raincoat named for Charles Macintosh, the inventor of waterproof fabric.
4. Terry-cloth towels and robes are named after Terry Cloth, a silent-screen star. She was famous for appearing in a bathtub scene in each of her films.
5. The pattern on argyle socks comes from the plaid that represents the Scottish clan named Argyll.



**TRY THIS ON
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Our special
**Clothing
Department**
begins on
page 7

with some fitting jokes.

Zip on over, OK?



*How Green
Is My Kibble*

A St. Patrick's Day Poem

by Rufus HilzPumpkin

Green is my kibble.
Green is my bone.
Green is the little house
That I call home.

Green is my collar.
Green is my bowl.
Green is the dirt in which
I dig my hole.

Green is the rubber ball
That I like to cuddle.
And green is the hydrant
Where I leave my puddle.

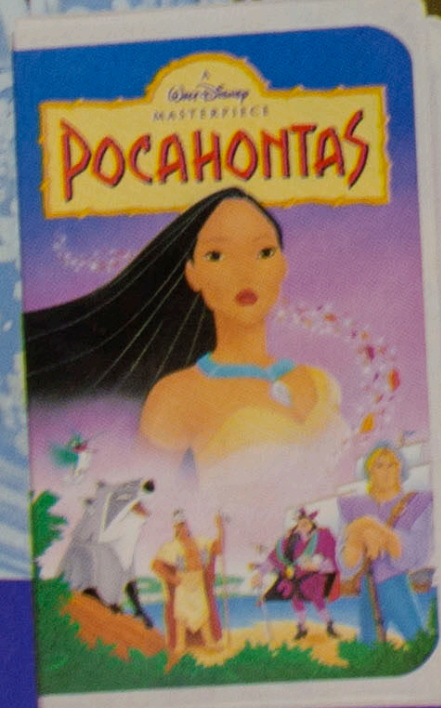


*Irish is my setter
With whom I do huddle.*

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the Joke page

by David Lewman

Jokes Up Our Sleeves

What did the cuffs say to the collar?
"Sleeve us alone."

What did Stephanie use to make cookies for the ball?
Tuxedough.

What did Jason use to fasten his cookie coat?
Ginger snaps.

Why did Stephanie put galoshes on her PC?
She wanted to *boot* up her computer.

Why did the chicken cross the clothing store?
To get to the other *size*.

When Jason had indigestion, why did he swallow a jacket?
He wanted to *coat* his stomach.

When Stephanie's car got a flat, why did she put on a different outfit?
She wanted to show that she knew how to change *attire*.



You're Putting Me On

What should you wear to swim in honey?
A *beekini*.

What kind of clothing does a cow wear?
Milk *duds*.

What does a cow wear on Halloween?
A scary *cow*stume.

What does a chimney sweep wear to work?
His business *soot*.

What does a lawyer wear to work?
Her *lawsuit*.

Which article of clothing won at the sewing contest?
It was a *tie*.

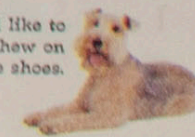
Why did the sneaker run for president?
She thought she was a *shoe*-in.

Why did Jason bring his sneakers to school?
For *Shoe*-and-Tell.

What do you call shoes made out of ground beef?
Meat *loafers*.



I'd like to
chew on
those shoes.







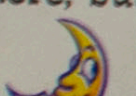
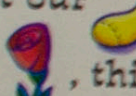





The Perfect Mismatch



by Kitty Argyle


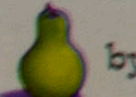






There once was a  and it had a good mate.
It was tossed in a dryer, and this was its fate:
In the machine it did spin, around and around,
At the end of the cycle, its  couldn't be found.

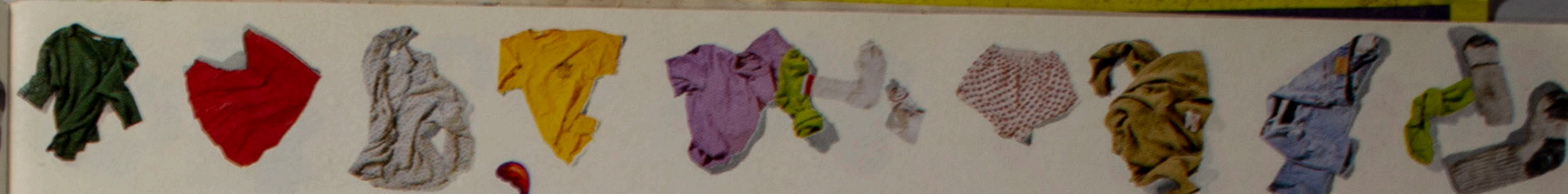
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It was crowded in there, but our  felt alone.
Each night when the  , this poor  would moan.





Day after day, socks would get up and leave,
But our one lonely  would just lie there and grieve.
"No one needs me," it said. "I'll never be worn!"
When along crept some  shorts, ripped and quite torn.



"I feel your pain," it said. "I too am forgotten.
And look at me, I'm one hundred percent cotton!"
Still our  was so lonely and wanted to shout.
It was afraid in the , it might get thrown out.




"Maybe it's time," thought the , "that I get out and date."
But who'd want me?" it wondered. "I'm useless of late."
 by pair, day by day, every sock heard the call,
But our yellow  hid, rolled into a ball.




Oh, how the  longed for nights spent in the hamper
Where with its perfect  it would dance and would scamper.
In washers and dryers, they'd soak and they'd tumble.
And on big smelly , they would walk or they'd stumble.




Then one , this poor  was right on the brink.
Afraid for its life, its heart starting to sink.
"One lone , a voice boomed, "is no good anymore."
And the yellow  hid in the back of the drawer.

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Saw the whole drawer was empty, nothing but air.
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The drawer was -packed 'cause the clothes had been washed.

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"Sure," the  whispered. "Make yourself right at home.
Where's your better half, or are you too all alone?"
The blue  turned bluer. "Don't think me a crier,
But my better half just got  in the dryer."

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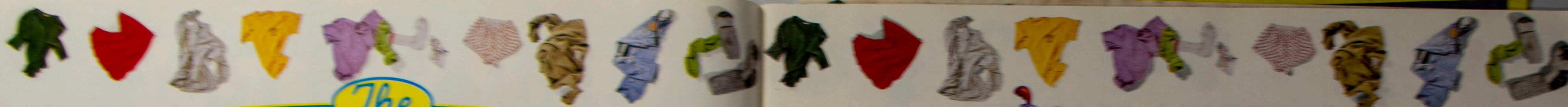
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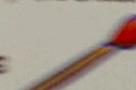
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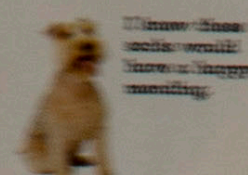
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That night, all the socks slept in tight lumpy .
Some bought in department stores, some bought in malls.
In the back of the drawer were the yellow and blue;
They spoke about , lint, and love the whole evening through.

When morning came, there was a very rough shaking.
"We're going to perish!" the two socks said, quaking.
A  reached in, and they heard a voice talking:
"You belong together, so socks do your walking!"


It sure didn't matter that they were not a good .
All the  knew that they were the best of the batch!
The yellow said to the blue, "To you I am mated.
So the next time we're in the dryer, let's  get separated."



If you're stumped, see page 55.

GUARDING AGAINST

Who makes sure that Michael, Shaq, Penny, and the rest of the NBA have clean clothes to wear each game? It's the team equipment manager. They're the guys who clean the uniforms. NICKELODEON MAGAZINE's **Becky Burcham** talked to some of them about their dirty secrets.

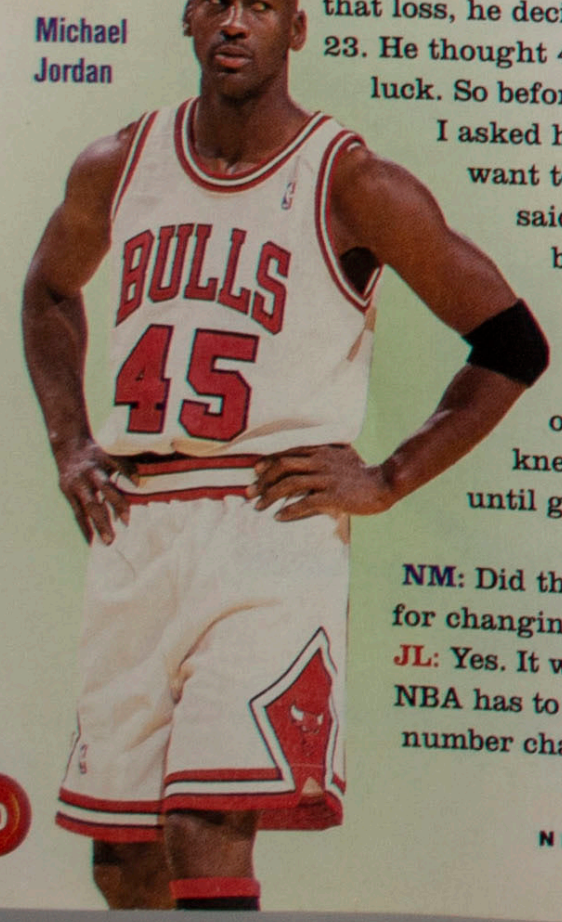


John Ligmanowski
Team: Chicago Bulls
Loads of laundry he washes each week: 50
Sweat socks he washes each week: 200
Scented or unscented detergent: Unscented

Nickelodeon Magazine: What's your most exciting uniform story?

John Ligmanowski: Changing Michael Jordan's number last year during the playoffs. When he came out of retirement, he chose number 45 (below). But then he had a bad game while wearing it. Michael was dribbling up the court, and the ball was stolen from him. The other team scored and won. Now, when Michael rejoined the team, I told him, "I'll always

have the 23 jersey with me, if you ever want to change back." After that loss, he decided to go back to 23. He thought 45 gave him bad luck. So before the next game I asked him, "Do you still want to do it?" And he said, "Yes." Right before the game, he put on his 23 jersey and put his warm-up top on over it. Nobody knew he'd changed until game time.



Michael Jordan

NM: Did the team get fined for changing his number?
JL: Yes. It was \$125,000. The NBA has to approve any number change.

NM: Do you have a secret formula for getting out tough stains?
JL: I scrub really hard.

NM: How many uniforms does each player have?
JL: Seven. Three white ones for home, three red ones for the road. And we have a new black uniform this year.

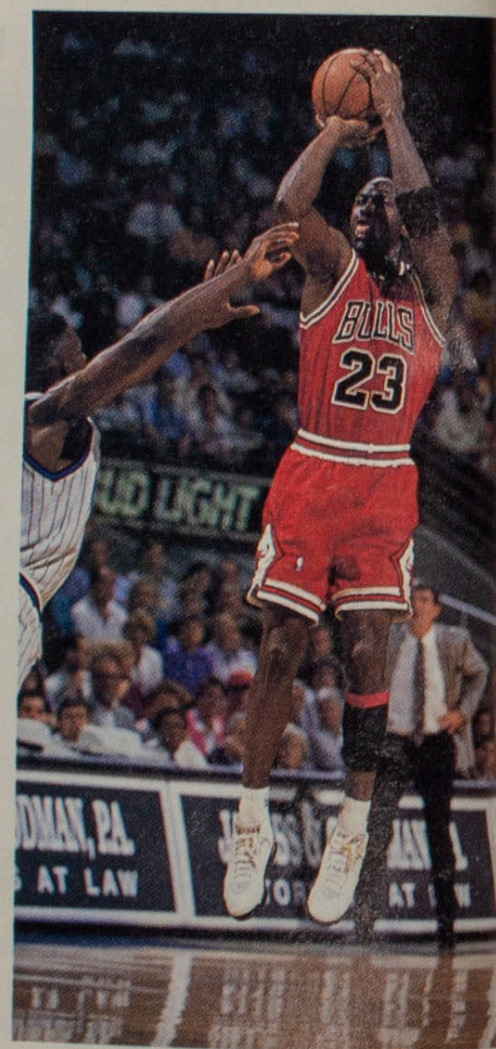
NM: Did any of the players resist the black uniforms?
JL: Steve Kerr. He had played in Orlando for the Magic, and they have black uniforms. I think he had a bad time in Orlando.

NM: How many pairs of shoes does each player have?
JL: Michael Jordan wears a new pair every game. The other players get an average of two new pairs a week.


NM: What happens to all of Michael's old shoes?
JL: He signs them and gives them to charities.

NM: Do any players have clothing superstitions?
JL: Michael always wears his University of North Carolina shorts under his uniform.

NM: Do you like to do laundry at home?
JL: No.



Michael Jordan



Rodney "Sid" Powell
Team: Orlando Magic
Loads of laundry he washes each week: 40
Sweat socks he washes each week: 400
Scented or unscented detergent: Unscented

Nickelodeon Magazine: What's the biggest uniform emergency you've ever had?

Rodney Powell: At the beginning of a game, Shaq went to tie his shorts and his drawstring broke. I ran to the equipment room to grab another pair of shorts. Shaq started playing, but he was constantly pulling up his shorts. When I got the other pair, we took a time-out, and the guys huddled around Shaq on the floor. He dropped his shorts and put on the new pair, right there on the court.

NM: How bad is the smell in the laundry basket after a game?

RP: I'm used to it. To someone who's not around it, I'm sure it's pretty rank.

NM: Do any of the guys ever have trouble taking off their warm-up pants?

RP: Guys that aren't used to wearing them pull them off too quickly and they rip the crotch. It's funny.

NM: How many uniforms does each player take on the road?

RP: Four, two blue sets and two black sets. Unless it's Shaq. On the road, I carry 10 jerseys for him.

NM: Why?

RP: A lot of the time, someone like the team president wants Shaq's jersey for a charity. I always have to have extras, just in case.



Horace Grant

NM: Has anyone ever tried to steal a jersey?

RP: Yes. I keep the uniforms locked up until game time.

NM: How many pairs of shoes does a player have?

RP: That depends on the shoe contracts they have with shoe companies. A guy who's not a superstar will get two new pairs every week. But someone like Penny Hardaway, who has a shoe named after him, gets as many as he wants.

NM: Do any of the players get a new pair for every game?

RP: Yeah, Horace Grant and Shaq. Their shoes are custom-made to fit their foot, and the leather is so soft that it stretches out after one game.

NM: Do any of the players have clothing superstitions?

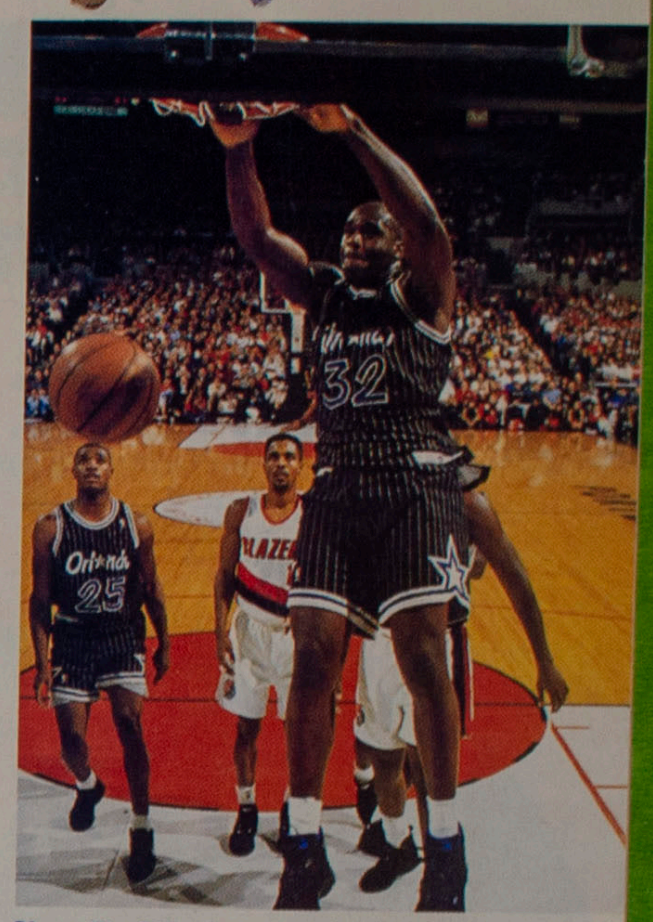
RP: Horace Grant won't put his feet in his new shoes until it's time to go on the court to warm up. Shaq doesn't have a clothing superstition, but before every game he sticks his gum under the fifth chair on the bench. Penny wears a new wristband for every game. It's got "Penny" and "1" on it. He also wears a new pair of socks for every game.

NM: Has this job made you more picky about your own laundry?

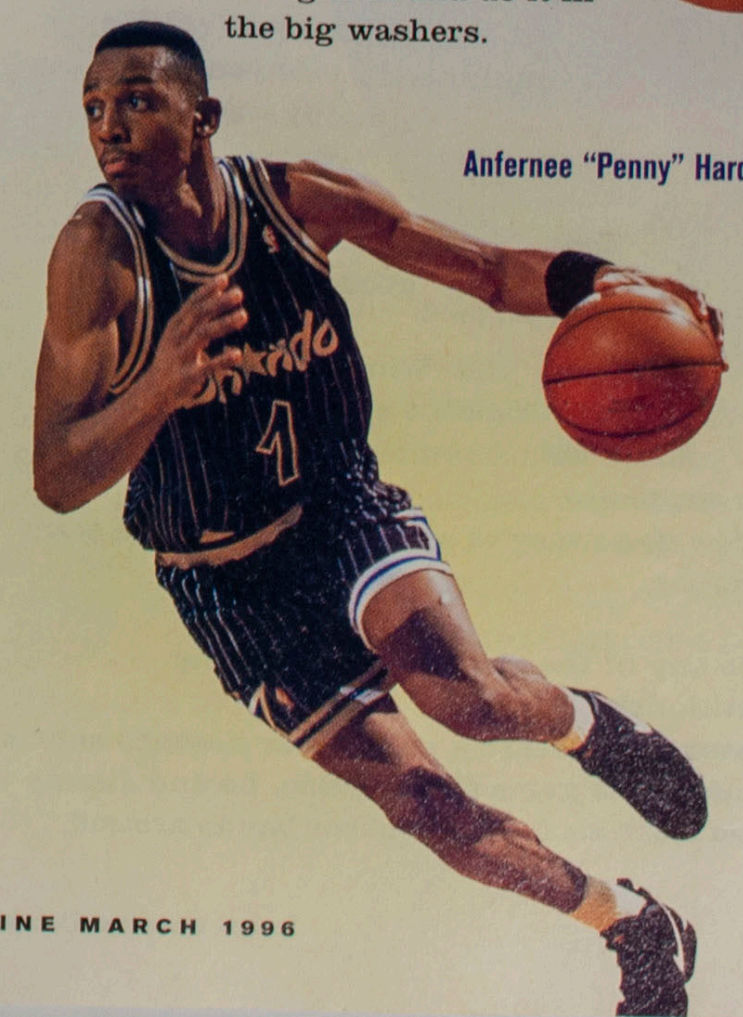
RP: When I go home, I don't want to see laundry. But sometimes, if my wife and I are backed up at home with laundry from the kids, I'll bring it in and do it in the big washers.



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Shaquille O'Neal



Anfernee "Penny" Hardaway

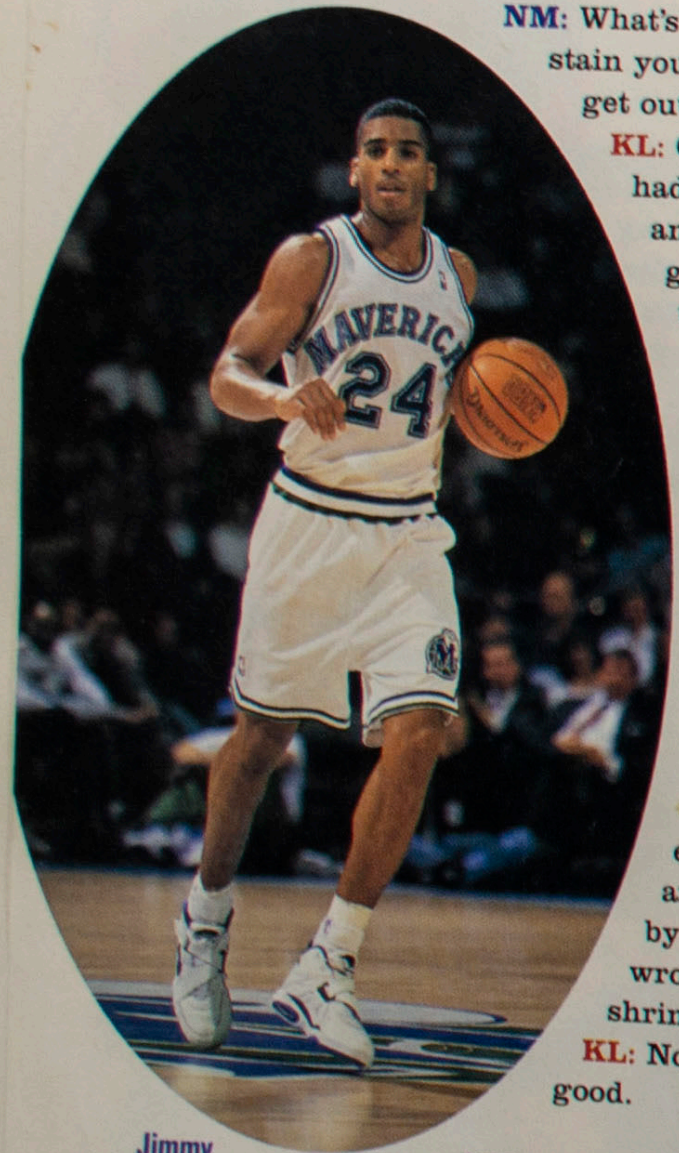


Kerry Leath

Team: Dallas Mavericks
Loads of laundry he washes each week: 50
"On game nights, I'll do eight loads."
Sweat socks he washes each week: 100
Scented or unscented detergent: Unscented

Nickelodeon Magazine: How many uniforms does each player have?

Kerry Leath: Four—two home and two road. The second set is only used when the first one gets bloody or gets a rip.



Jimmy Jackson

NM: When you're on the road, and someone else washes your uniforms with a scented soap, do any of the players complain?

KL: A few times they've complained when the scent is too strong.

NM: Do any of the players have clothing superstitions?

KL: Jason Kidd wears a pair of our practice shorts underneath his game shorts. Also, he and Jimmy Jackson wear small, thin rubber bands around

their wrists when they play. They've been doing that since high school. And Jamal Mashburn likes to have his shorts extra baggy.



NM: Has your team ever received a warning or a fine for violating a uniform rule?

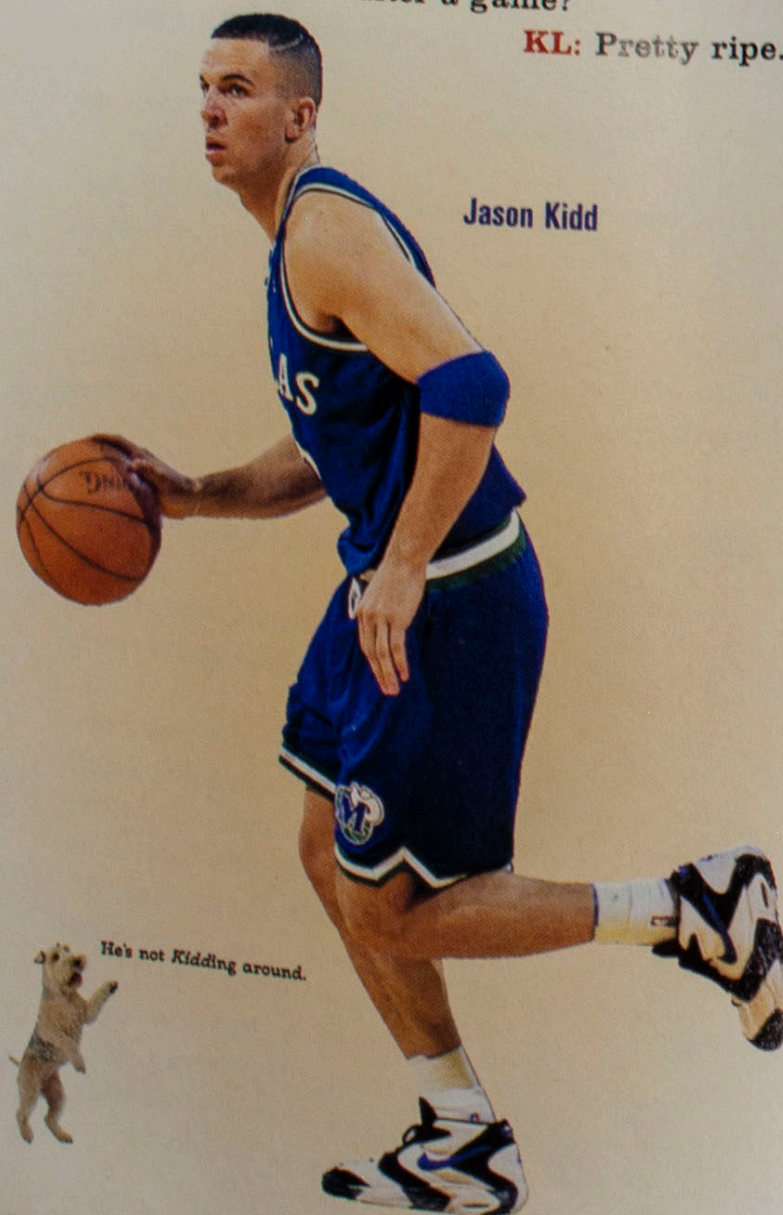
KL: We've gotten a few calls from the NBA office, but no fines. Our shoes are white with blue trim. When a couple of guys went on the court with white and black trim, we got a call from the league office to change it. A lot of our players wear the really short tennis socks, and the league has told us they want to see more sock sticking out of the top of the shoe.

NM: Has this job made you more picky about your own laundry?

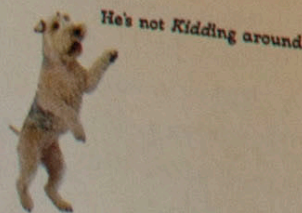
KL: Definitely. I'm more careful about how I do my laundry. No more dark colors with light colors like I used to.

NM: How bad is the smell in the laundry basket after a game?

KL: Pretty ripe. ■



Jason Kidd



He's not kidding around.

BABOONBOTTOMS

Here are some kooky clothes we hope to find in our closet one day.

by David Lewman

BABOONBOTTOMS

You've heard of turtle-necks? Just wait until you slip on a pair of Baboonbottoms! Inspired by the beautiful behinds of baboons, these pants have a colorful fold-out chair built right into its backside, so you have a seat wherever you go.



You'd be a drool not to wear one.

KNUCKLEHATS

Think of all the people who walk around with their knuckles completely naked—it's shocking! These tiny hats can cover those bare knuckles. Knucklehats come in Cowboy, Fire fighter, Baseball, Fez, Beret, and Dunce.



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Be a Trendsetter

People often start wearing something new simply because it's trendy and popular. Now you can start a trend—and pull a prank. Just follow the easy steps in our Trendsetter Kit, and see how long it takes your family and friends to start wearing mismatched shoes.

Step #1: A trend often begins when people imitate something that celebrities are wearing.

Directions: Cut out these photos and captions. Tell people they're from a movie magazine.



Funny Feet? Jim Carrey and gal pal Lauren Holly stepped out for the world premiere of *Ace Ventura 7: Unmasked*. It wasn't Holly's new hair color that caught our eye though, it was her mismatched shoes and saucy striped socks. Jim said, "We've got happy feet."



At a party celebrating her new single, "Perfect Match," Madonna took a bow in a stunning pair of mismatched shoes.



Brad Pitt sports his mismatched boots while nightclubbing in New York City.

Step #3: You know a trend is really big when you're invited to a party based on it.

Directions: Mail this party invitation to your family or a friend.

Loosen Your Laces! It's Time for a... SHOE-SWAPPING PARTY

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Buffet Dinner featuring Tongue Sandwiches and Hushpuppies
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B.Y.O.F. (Bring Your Own Feet)

Step #2: As a trend becomes more popular, newspapers report on it.

Directions: Clip this and leave it on the kitchen table.

At Nibok, the Shoe's on the Other Foot

Sole Survivors?

BY N. SOLL

Staff Reporter of THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

The Nibok shoe plant used to be footloose and fancy-free. Now it's a disaster zone. The gym-shoe giant is running at full speed to meet the worldwide demand for mismatched shoes, the biggest shock wave to trip up the shoe business since the fall of the arch.

Millions of matched shoes that were neatly boxed and awaiting shipment are now being quickly converted into mismatched pairs as thousands of employees work around the clock mixing and un-matching.

"The whole situation is crazy," said Joe Nale, Nibok spokesperson. "I'm tongue-tied."

Left flat-footed by the trend, Nibok is now working hard to stay in the race. The company has rushed a new style into production, "The Air Switcher-shoe"—a mismatched pair of sneakers exactly like the pair that Chicago Bulls superstar Michael Jordan sported three months ago.

Step #4: When a trend is really big, it starts to show up on TV shows.

Directions: Tape this over a page of TV listings.

TEE VEE GUIDE LISTINGS

8:00 PM

2 The Young and the Shoeless—Soap Opera

Suede is shocked when Lacey reveals that she is an 11EEE. Candie callously black-mails David by threatening to tell his wife, Joan, about their illicit game of footsie.

4 Jenny Jones—Talk

Topic: Shoe-swapping in the suburbs.

5 The Simpsons—Cartoon

Bart gets sent to reform school after re-matching all the sneakers in the locker room.

7 The Red Shoes—Movie

9 America's Funniest Home Videos—Comedy

A small child puts mismatched shoes on the family dog. A woman gets her head stuck in a shoe box.

11 Biography—Documentary

"Shoeless" Joe Jackson: A reappraisal of the baseball great uncovers new evidence that proves that he was a victim of the old switcheroo in the Black Sox scandal.

8:30 PM

2 Married...With Children—Comedy

Al quits his job as a shoe salesman to devote his time to lying around the house in mismatched slippers.

4 Shogtime at the Apollo—Variety

Host: Doc Martin Lawrence

5 All My Buniors—Soap Opera

Spats is ashamed of his fallen arches. Espadrille turns out to be a real heel. Bootsy runs off with the shoe-shine boy.

7 Seinfeld—Comedy

Jerry becomes obsessed with the term *shoe tree*. Elaine decides to break up with her boyfriend because he has the annoying habit of always matching his shoes. Special Guest: Andrew Shue.

9 Sole Train—Music

Host: Don Cornheelius. Guests: The Four Toes, Gladys Knight and the Pumps, Paul McCartney and Wing Tips.

11 Star Trek: Voyager—Fantasy

Voyager encounters a planet where 10-legged creatures each wear five pairs of mismatched shoes.

9:00 PM

2 ER—Drama

A man has a rare disorder that causes him to outgrow his mismatched shoes every two hours. During surgery, a missing clog is discovered behind a patient's spleen.

4 Blossom—Comedy

Joey discovers that it's not your mismatched shoes that count, but what's in your heart.

Step #5: A trend is dead as soon as everyone is doing it. When everyone you know has switched their shoes, tell them that they are very un-trendy and start a new trend.

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The What, Wear, and Why of Clothing

You might think that you have some strange-looking clothes in your closet, but they probably don't come close to these weird threads from European and American fashion history. Try them on for size.

BIG SKIRTS = BIG PROBLEMS For many years—up until the late 1800s—women used wooden or wire hoops, thick petticoats, or even cushions to make their skirts several feet wide. Life in them was not easy. Women struggled to squeeze through doorways and sit in chairs. There were other big problems: In Dublin, Ireland, in 1742, women were asked not to wear hoops to the theater—so more people could fit in the audience.



HOW DANDY Dandies were Englishmen who fussed over their clothes in the 1770s. These duded-up dudes often wore jumbo wigs topped off with tiny hats. They also strapped pads to their calves, underneath their stockings, so that their legs would look more muscular.

YOU FORGOT YOUR PANTS! Many men in Europe and America didn't wear pants until the early 1800s. Instead, they just wore stockings—sometimes with breeches, or knee-length trousers.

"HAVE A SEAT ON MY COAT, I MEAN COUCH" During the late 1500s, men wore clothes bursting with buttons, bows, and ribbons. Richard Sackville (below), an English earl, was famous for his fancy clothes. Later, some of his old clothes were used to cover the family furniture.



SPLIT DECISION During the 1800s, French nobles wore such tight pants that they sometimes ripped their seats open when they sat down. Eventually, men had two pairs of pants for each suit—one pair for standing and a second pair for sit-down events. Legend has it that at the Battle of Waterloo in 1815, French and English soldiers suffered an equal disadvantage—both sides' pants kept splitting.

TALK ABOUT "RELAXED" FIT By 1925, pants had loosened up. These trousers had 18-inch-wide legs.



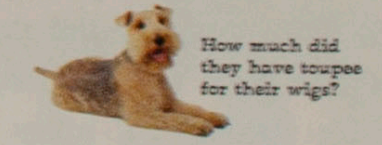
TIMES THAT TRIED MEN'S SOLES In England during the Middle Ages, men's shoes were so pointy and long that the only way to walk without tripping over them was to chain the tips of the shoes to the man's knees. This kept the tip curling upward.

Men have worn high heels, too. King Louis XIV of France (1638-1715) liked the trend because he wanted to look taller. He even had battle scenes painted on the heels of one pair.



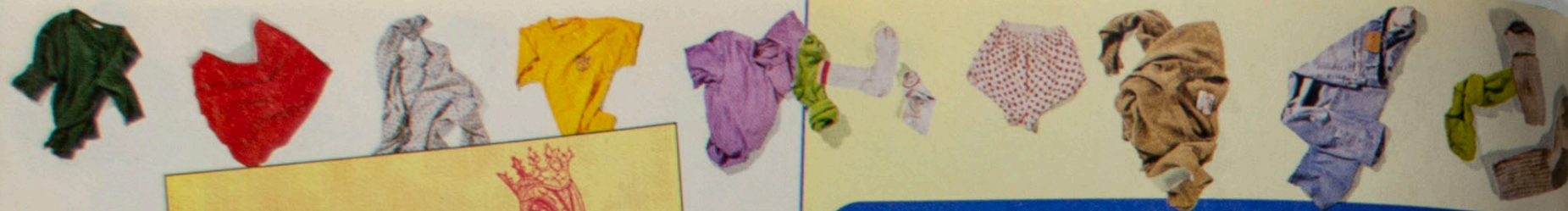
BUGGIN' OUT Wigs reached towering heights during the time of France's Louis XVI, who reigned from 1774 to 1792. Some women decorated their wigs with vases and fresh flowers. Others built dioramas in them. Since it took hours to do these 'dos, women rarely washed their hair. Meanwhile, lice and other creepy crawlies grew underneath their wigs. But instead of taking off their wigs, women just cut slits in them so the crawlies could creep out.

THE BALD TRUTH Men wore wigs between the 1600s and 1800s. King Louis XIII of France first wore one in 1624 to cover up his balding head. Soon all of the upper class wore wigs, even kids. And because wigs were expensive, you knew that a person was wealthy if they had an especially big wig. (This is when people started using the word *bigwig* to describe an important person.)



IT'S A RUFF LIFE Wide, stiff collars, called ruffs, were popular from the 1500s to the 1700s. It's thought that the look started in 1540 when the Queen of Navarre widened her collar to cover her ugly neck. Ruffs, like the one worn by the woman at right, got so large that people had trouble feeding themselves. Spoons with extra-long handles were invented so that people could reach their mouths over their ruffed collars.





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We See London, We See France, We See the (Very) Brief History of Underpants!

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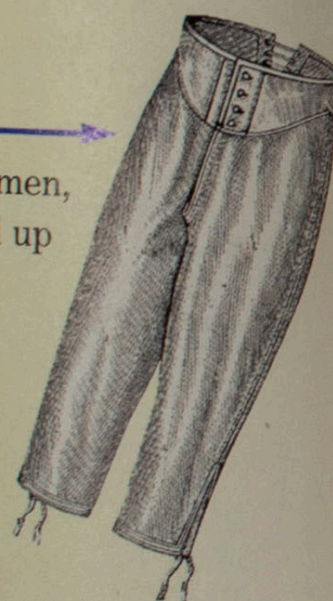


The Middle Ages

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1800s

Drawers: Popular with men and women, they're short cotton pants that laced up the back.



Most underwear at this time is still open between the legs. Strange as it seems, it made going to the bathroom outside easier, which was an advantage since there was no indoor plumbing.

Late 1800s

Union suits: One-piece underwear with a drop seat.



1900s

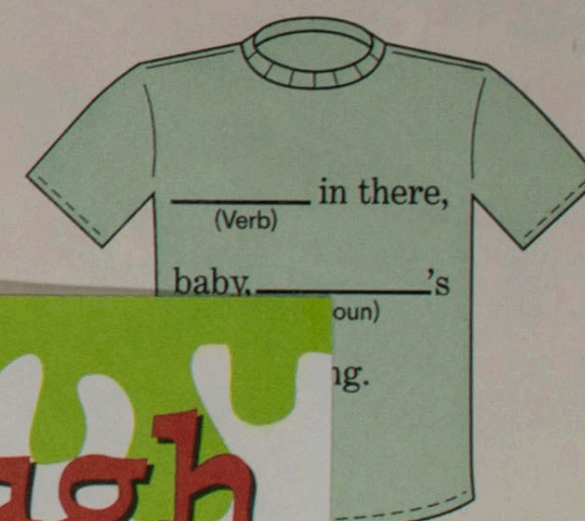
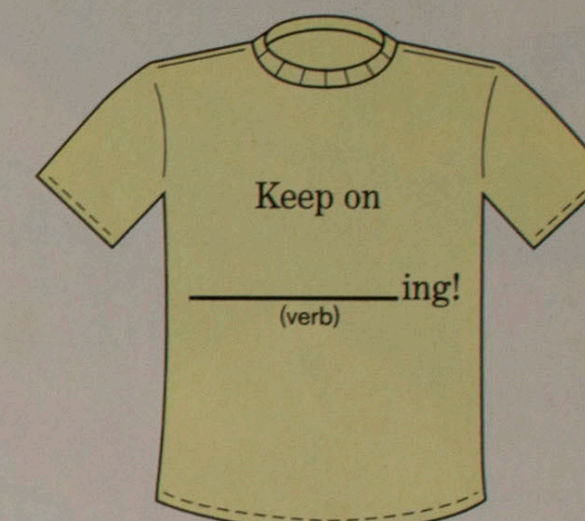
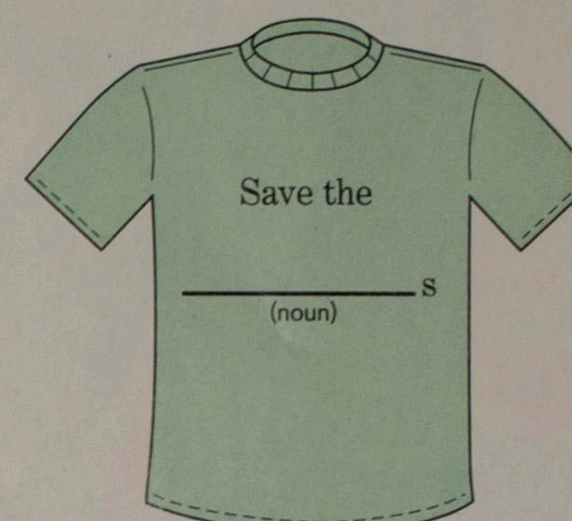
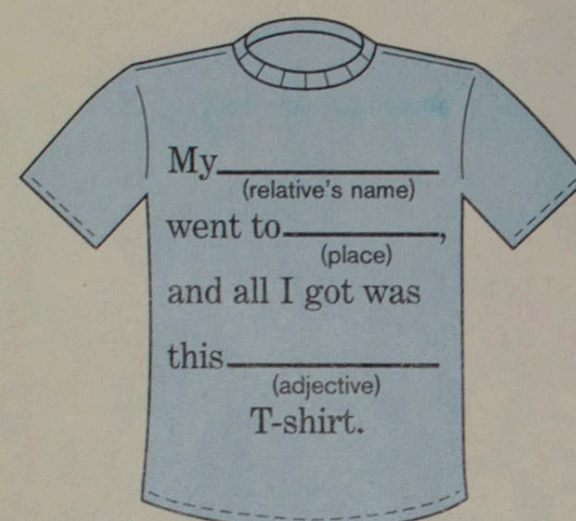
Boxer shorts: Issued to World War I soldiers as part of their uniforms, they remain popular after the war.

Briefs: Introduced in the 1930s, they're inspired by fancy French swimsuits.



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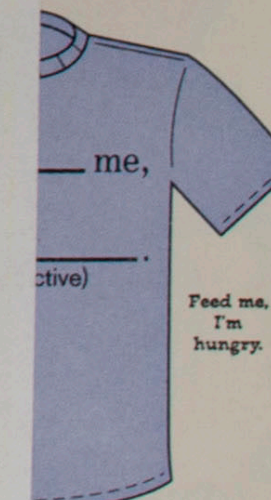
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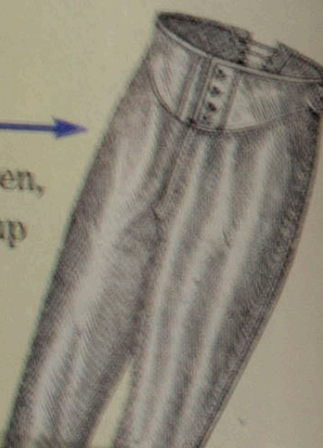


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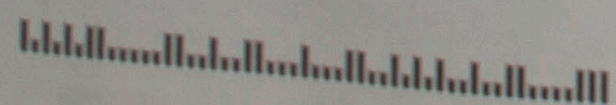
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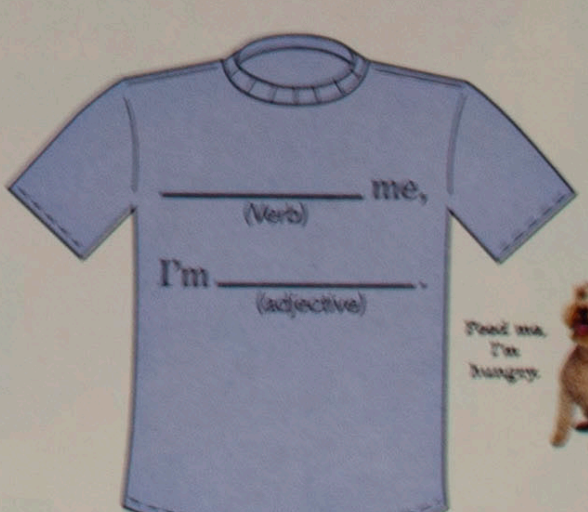
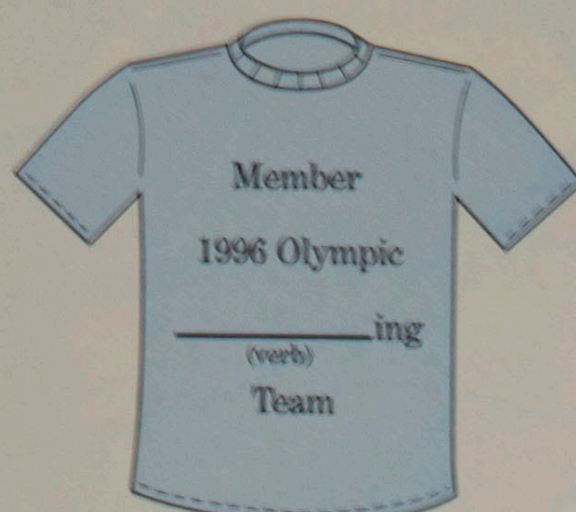
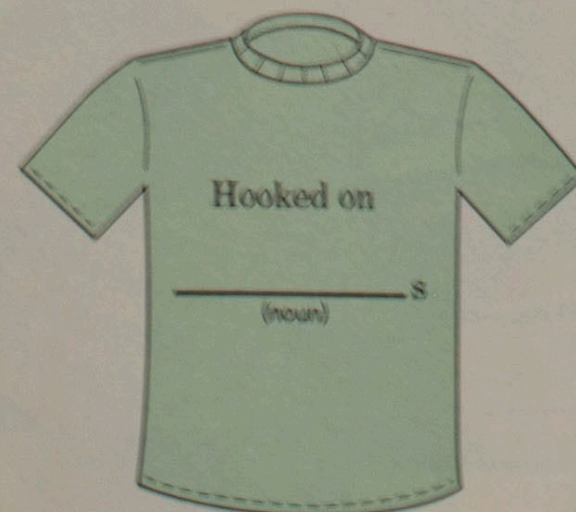
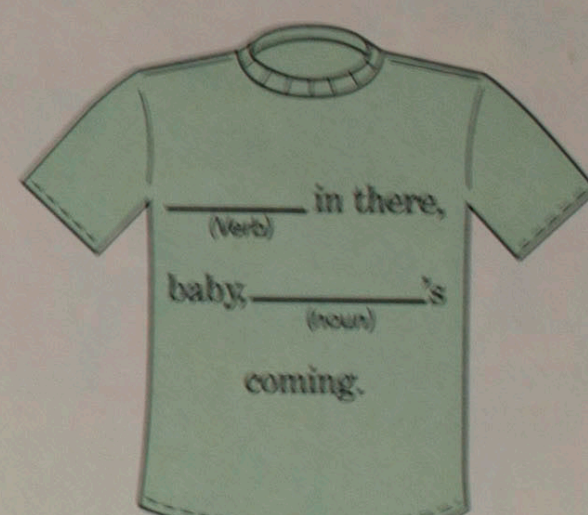
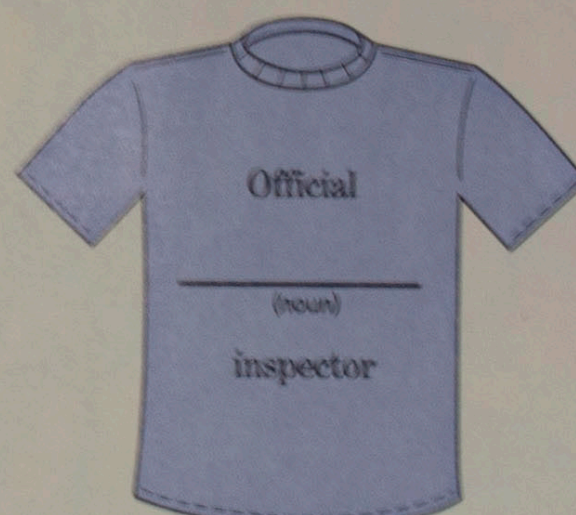
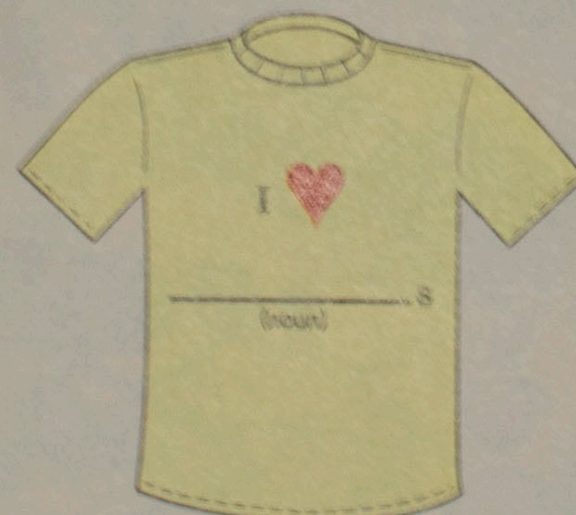
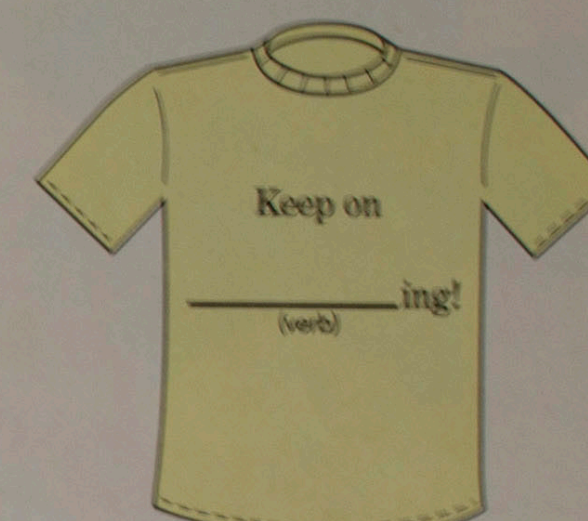
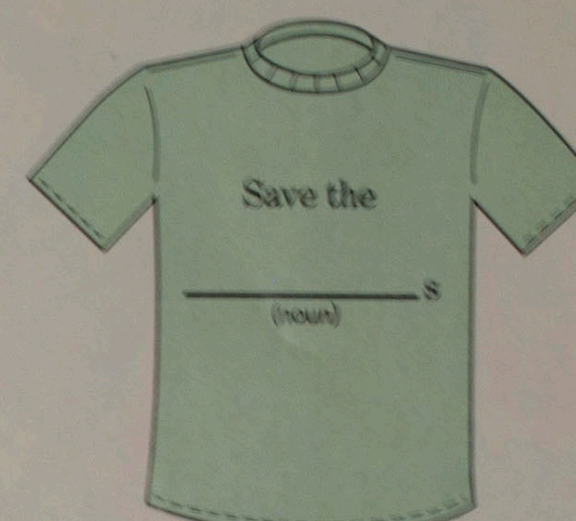
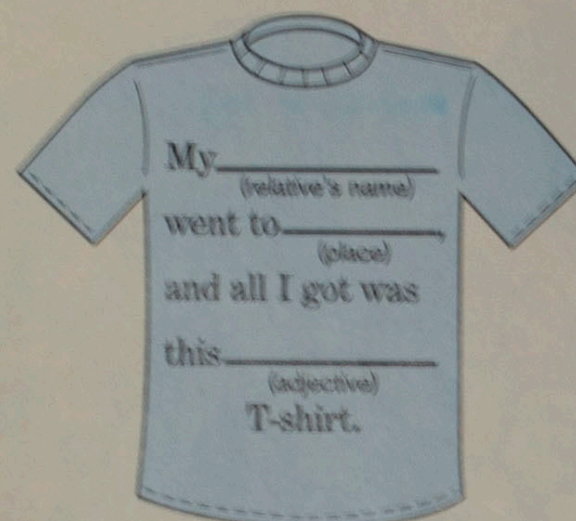
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Zip It Up

Want to walk in the rain with a friend, or two, or 50? Then this rain poncho created in 1986 by French designer Jean-Charles de Castelbajac is for you. The poncho ends are zippers, so you can zip together as many ponchos—and pals—as you wish.

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From a distance, your friends may mistake you for an emergency vehicle when you wear these multipurpose glasses. The shades protect your eyes from glare. The wipers keep lenses clear of rain. And the best part: The flashing lights prevent birds from crashing into your face.

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Nobody likes to be outside when it's raining cats and dogs, especially cats and dogs. So next time you take your canine companion for his morning walk in the rain, try this doggy umbrella. The best feature? If you lose your umbrella, it will find its way home.



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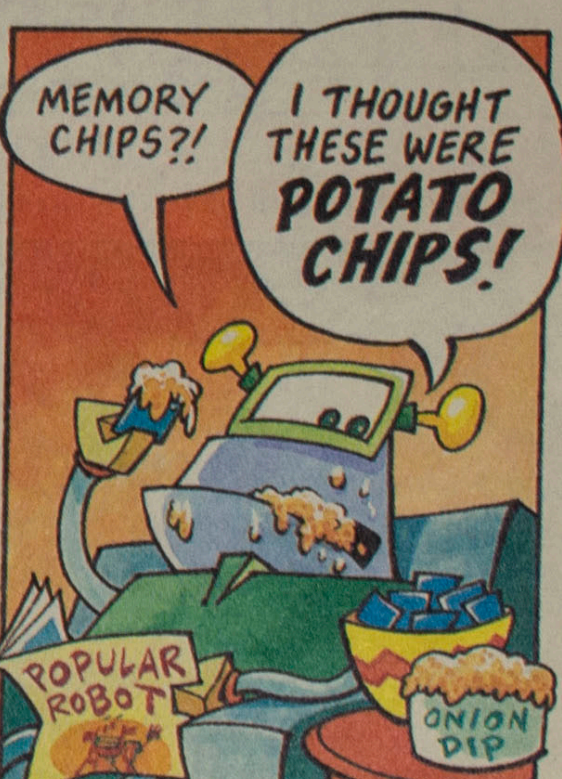
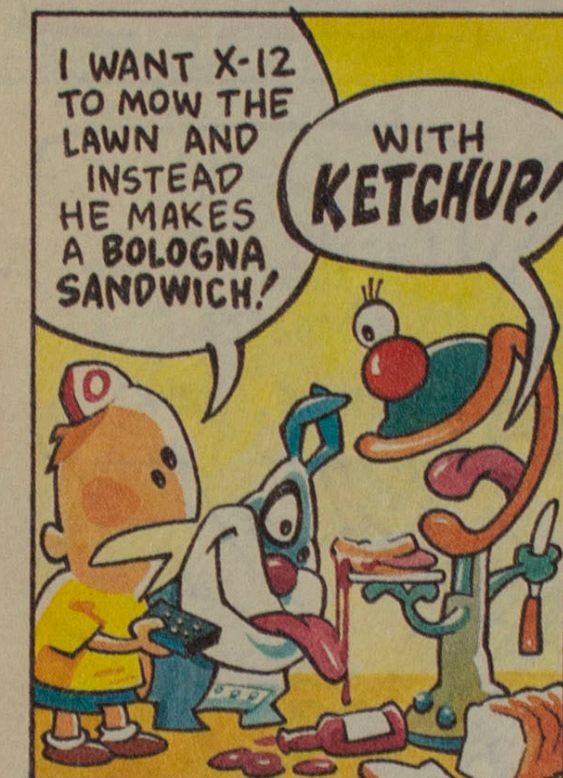
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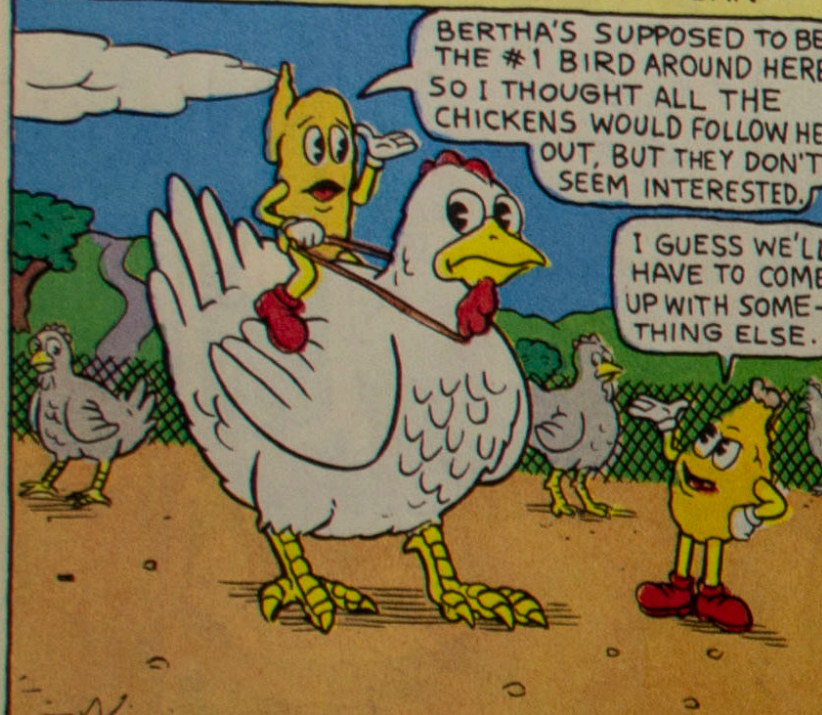
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A WING, A BREAST, A THIGH, AND A DRUMSTICK ON THE RUN IN A WORLD THAT HUNGERS FOR THEIR FLESH!

AS WE JOIN THE BOYS IN THE CHICKEN YARD,
THEY ARE HATCHING YET ANOTHER PLAN...

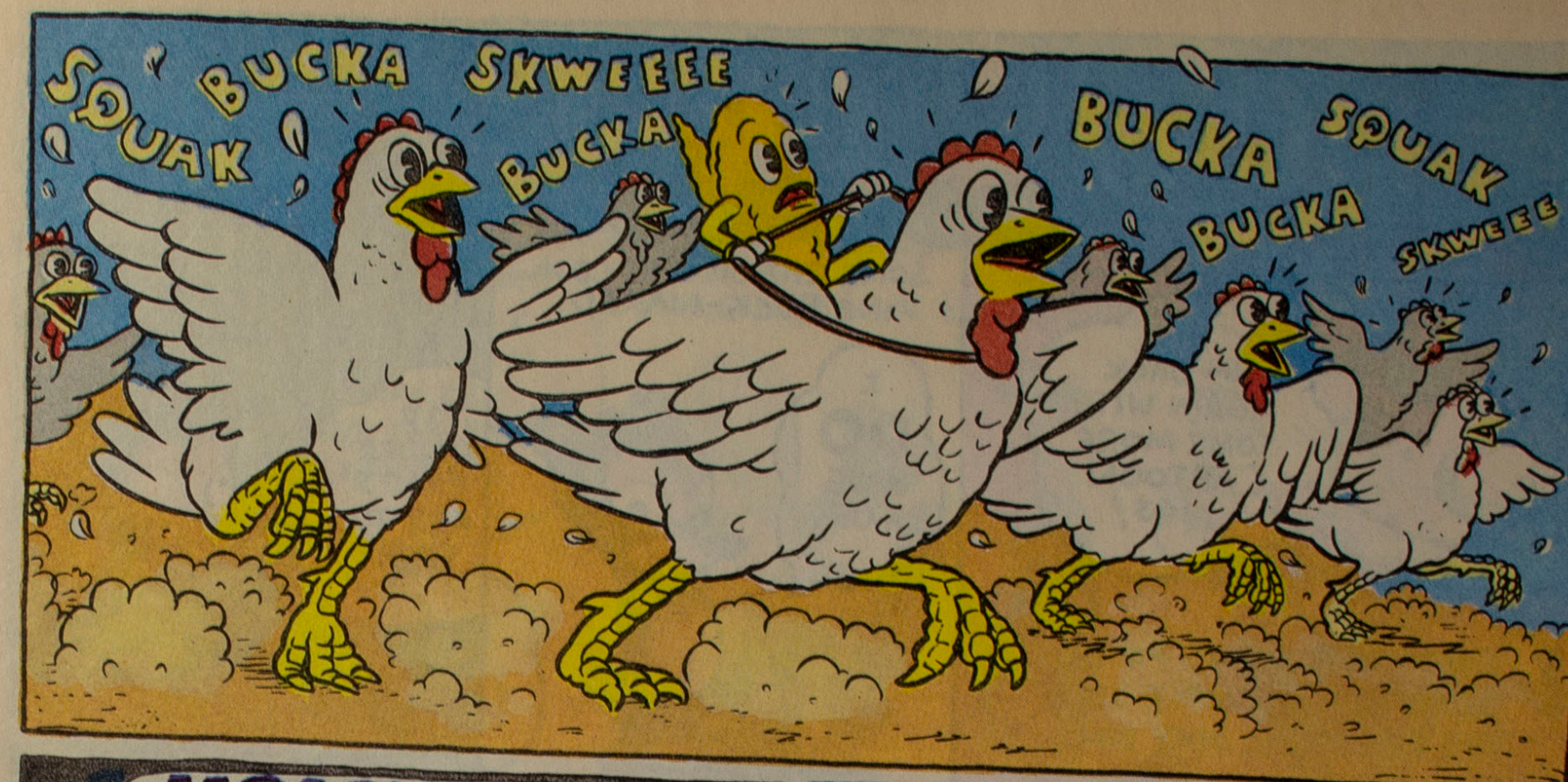
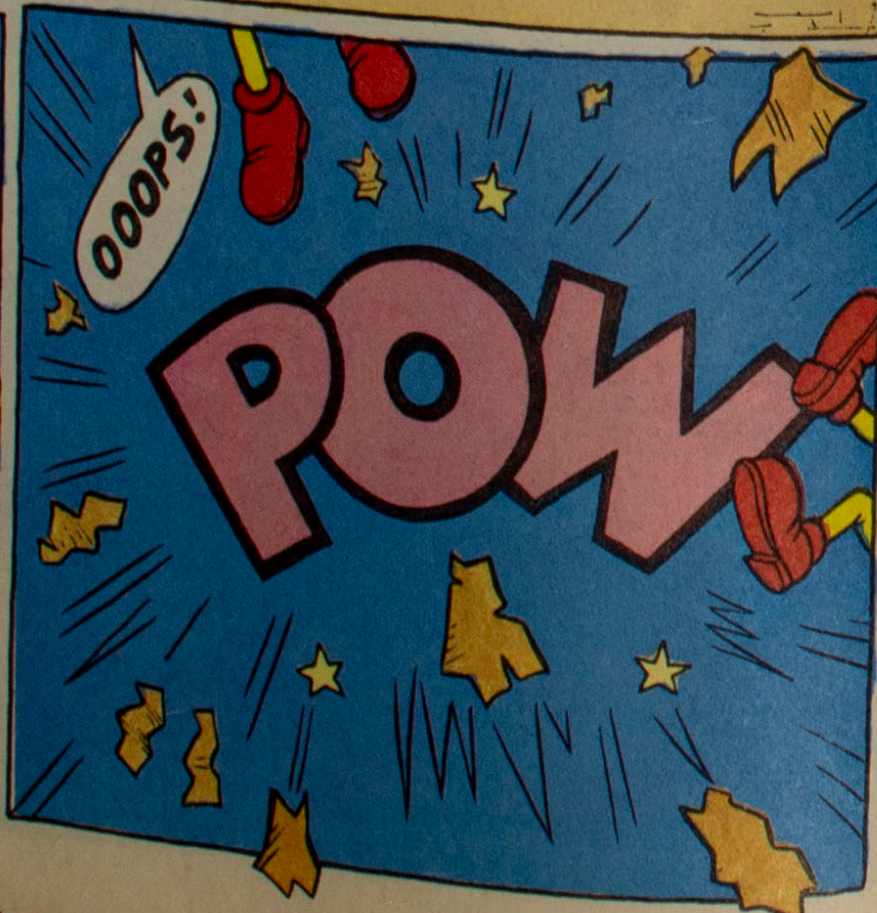


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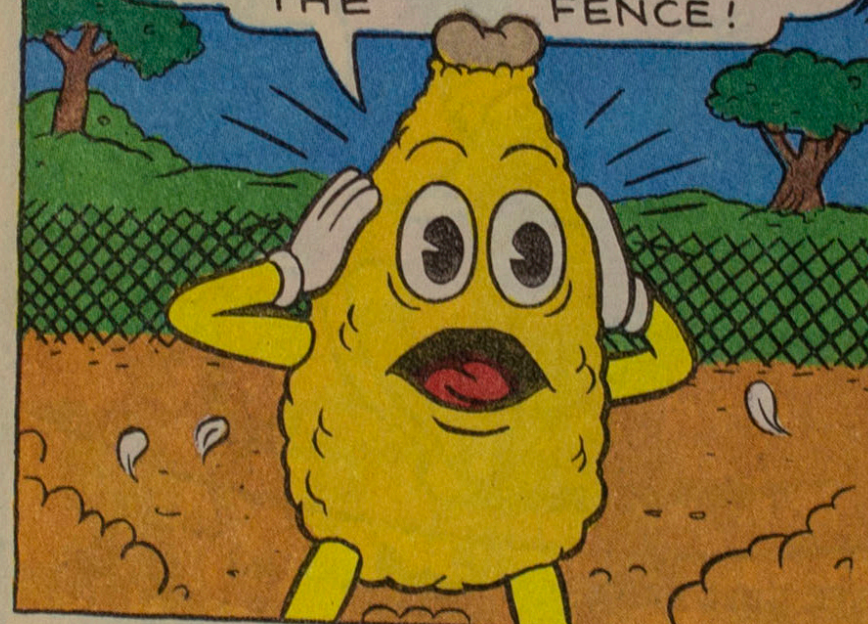


HEY, GUYS! I THINK MAYBE CHET AND I CAN GET THINGS ROLLING WITH THIS PAPERBAG BACK HERE!

LET'S
GIVE IT
A SHOT!



HOLY COW!
LOOK AT 'EM GO! THEY'RE
HEADING STRAIGHT FOR
THE FENCE!



I GUESS
IT WORKED
A LITTLE
TOO WELL

WE'D BETTER
GO TRY
AND FIND
WING NUT.

SHORTLY...

WELL, AT LEAST THEY'RE FREE NOW!

YEAH, BUT
NOW WHAT?

TAKE IT
EASY NOW

SORRY WE
SCARED YOU
BACK THERE

AND BACK AT FEATHERS' FARMS.

WHAT!

THAT'S
RIGHT, MR. F,
ALL OF YOUR
CHICKENS HAVE
ESCAPED,
AND YOUR
LITTLE FRIENDS
ARE MISSING
AS WELL!

OH WELL, I GUESS YOU CAN'T MAKE **EVERYBODY** HAPPY NO MATTER
WHAT YOU DO... BE WITH U'S NEXT TIME FOR **MORE** ROLICKING ADVENTURES!

HOW TO DRESS YOUR

WITH THE CARTOON WORM



HI!
I'M BACK
AGAIN WITH
SOME MORE
CARTOON
TIPS!

SOME CHARACTERS LOOK FINE BUCK-NAKED.



I
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FUR.

BUT WITH A LITTLE HELP, THEY CAN LOOK DOWN-RIGHT FASHIONABLE.



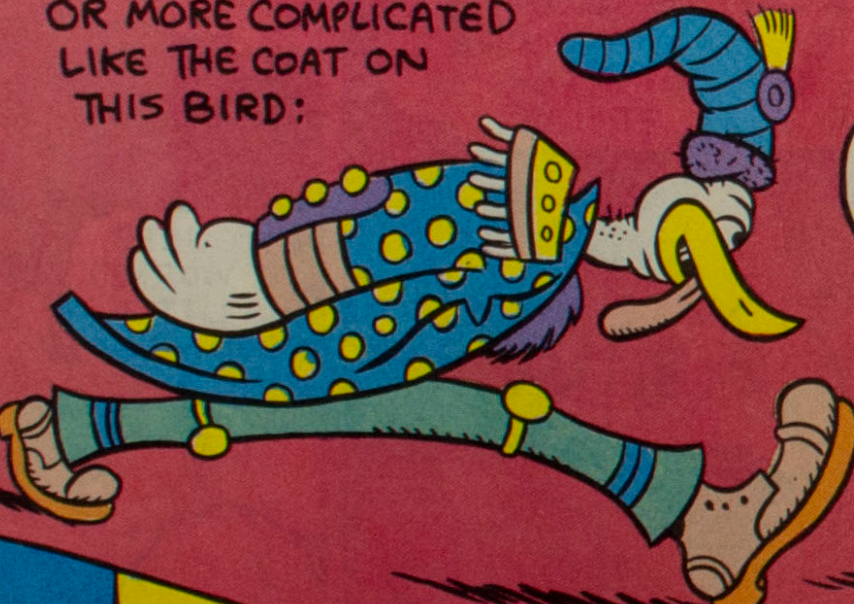
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UNDER-
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YOU MIGHT WANT TO DO SOMETHING SIMPLE LIKE THE EGGSHELL HAT ON THIS CHICK!



EVERY-
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OR MORE COMPLICATED LIKE THE COAT ON THIS BIRD!



I
COULD
SEE
THIS
GUY
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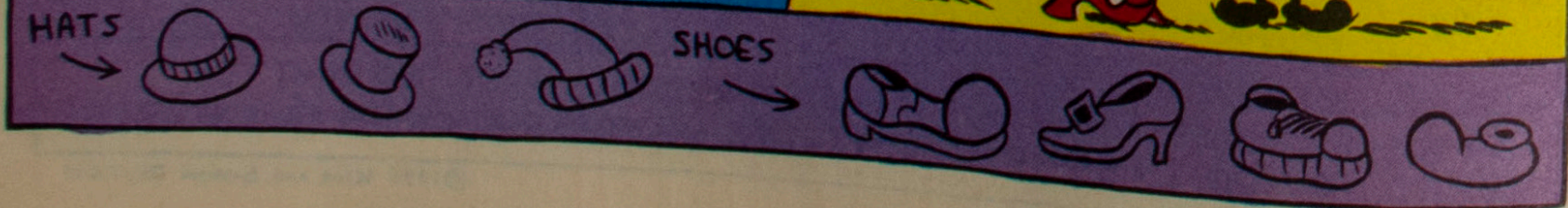


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I
PREFER
JEANS
AND
COMBAT
BOOTS!



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HILLBILLY:



EXECUTIVE:



CLOWN:
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A BIG HAT ON A LITTLE GUY:



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How well do you know your Presidents? The names of nine Presidents are represented in the pictures below. Can you figure out what name goes with which picture?

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Answers on page 55.

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Pete is cool, he showed me how to do the alphabet in sign language! - George, age 5. Jamal and

Don't be afraid



Be a Friend

Sometimes you see someone who's different from you, and you're kinda scared to talk to them, but you would like to try to be friends 'cause they might be really nice. When you feel that way, just take a deep breath, and say "Hi".



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the best pitcher we've got! - Tyrone, age 8. Diamond showed me how to make braids all over my head! I love it! - Maya, age 7. We play all the time! - Robyn, age 6. Jake can't run 'cause he's in a wheelchair, but he's

I both like anchovies on our pizza. - Olga, age 8. Tammy had never seen a dreidel before, but I showed her how to use it, and now

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Write a rhyme about an item of clothing
and you could pin down a prize.

Here's how:

1. Make up a poem about any item of clothing. Your entry must be eight lines or less. Please type or print neatly, and skip lines.

Here's an example:

*There's nothing nicer than a mitten.
With this item I am smitten.
Winter, spring, fall, or summer,
To lose a mitten is a bummer.*

*I think that mittens are real hip.
Along with every mitten-clip,
I wish I had an extra hand
Because I'm such a mitten fan.*

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Really LOUD Outfits

Part of being a rock star is knowing how to dress. Take our quiz and find out how much you know about rock 'n' roll fashion. **R**

Circle the correct answer for each question.
Answers on page 55.



- 1** This is a picture of
- a. the Cowardly Lion from *The Wizard of Oz*.
 - b. Elton John.
 - c. M. C. Rap-unzel, the king of French rappers.



- 2** The Red Hot Chili Peppers are
- a. performing at Woodstock '94.
 - b. auditioning Thomas Edison for their new guitarist.
 - c. getting some bright ideas for a new light show.

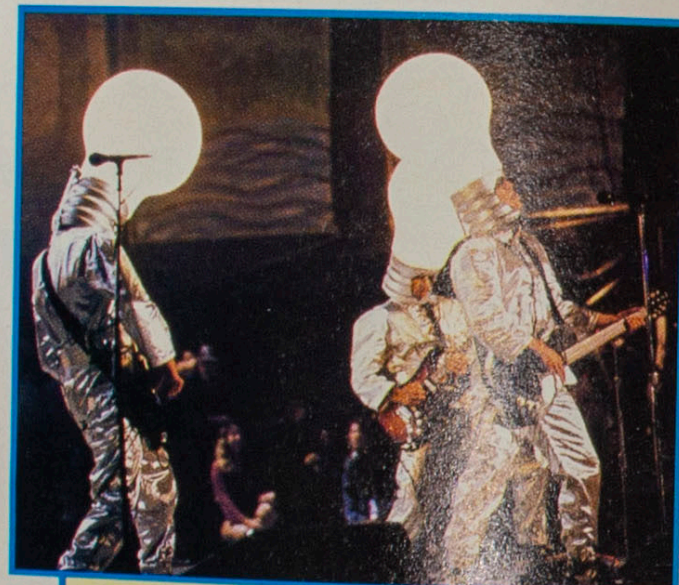
- 3** This singer is
- a. sunning himself on rock.
 - b. David Bowie.
 - c. Newt Gingrich's younger brother, Salamander.



- 4** Green Day
- a. is acting out the story of "One Head, Two Head, Green Head, Blue Head."
 - b. is thinking of changing their name to Blue Dye.
 - c. recorded the song "When I Come Around."



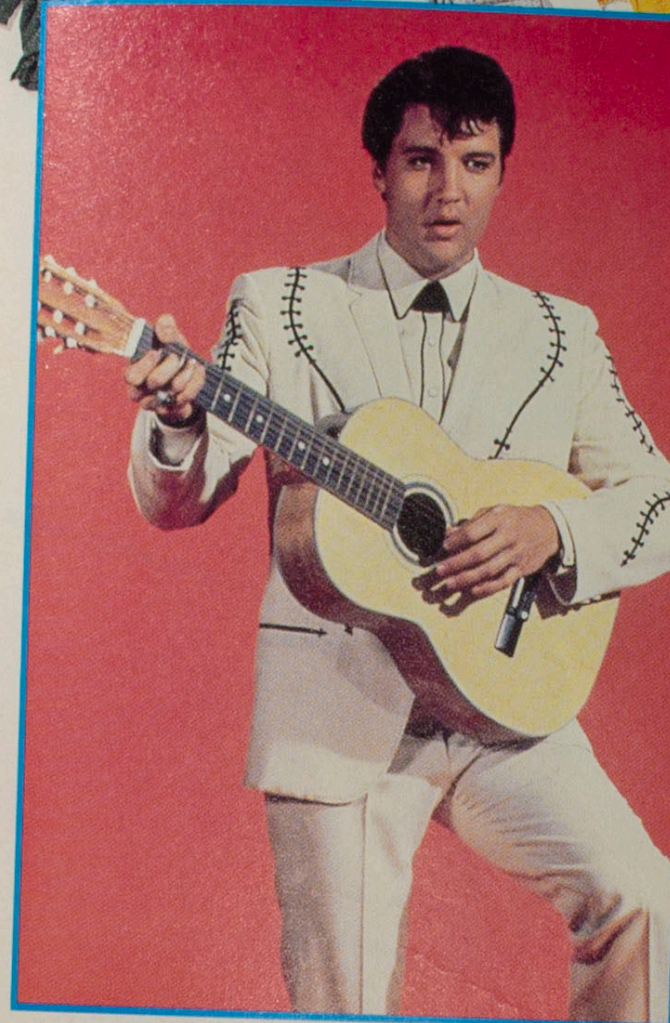
- 5** Björk originally hails from
- a. Iceland.
 - b. New Yjörk.
 - c. the frozen-food section of your supermarket.



- 9** Axl Rose is
- a. Scotch-taping his new special.
 - b. the lead singer of Guns N' Roses.
 - c. wearing his sister's grade school uniform.



- 11** This band
- a. is called Kiss.
 - b. can't move, because their costumes are so heavy.
 - c. got work during the 1980s as hood ornaments on the space shuttle.



- 6** Elvis Presley is
- a. turning into a baseball.
 - b. playing acoustic guitar.
 - c. about to have the stitches taken out of his jacket after surgery.



- 8** The singer in this picture is
- a. the Artist Formerly Known As Prince.
 - b. experimenting with heavy metal.
 - c. Alice in Chains.

- 10** Boyz II Men are
- a. pouting because the dry cleaner shrunk their shorts.
 - b. originally from Philadelphia.
 - c. waiting for their pants to be delivered.



- 7** This is a picture of
- a. Roll, a charmin' new band from Flushing, New York.
 - b. people selling three-ply sheet music.
 - c. TLC.



- 12** This singer is
- a. doing her / Dream of Jeannie impersonation.
 - b. Madonna.
 - c. wearing a costume made entirely of feather dusters.

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1. First, try to get out of it. Point out that more clothes mean more laundry. Claim to be a nudist. Hide under your bed.
2. Wear mismatched socks and your stupidest underwear. This will embarrass your parents when you're trying stuff on and might cause them to cut the trip short.
3. When you get to the store, jump on some shirts and say, "I thought you said a clothes-hopping trip!"
4. To get rid of pushy salespeople, yell, "Oh no! Where did my pet tarantula go?"
5. Scratch yourself a lot. Then say loudly, "I wonder if poison ivy sticks to clothing." Maybe the salesperson will ask you to leave the store.
6. Stand by the mannequins, pretend you're one of them, and watch your parents walk right past you.

7. Use reverse psychology: Happily try on every piece of clothing in the mall until your parents are exhausted. Maybe next time you'll get to go by yourself.
8. The classic line "I think I'm going to throw up" still works like a charm.



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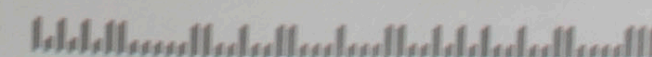
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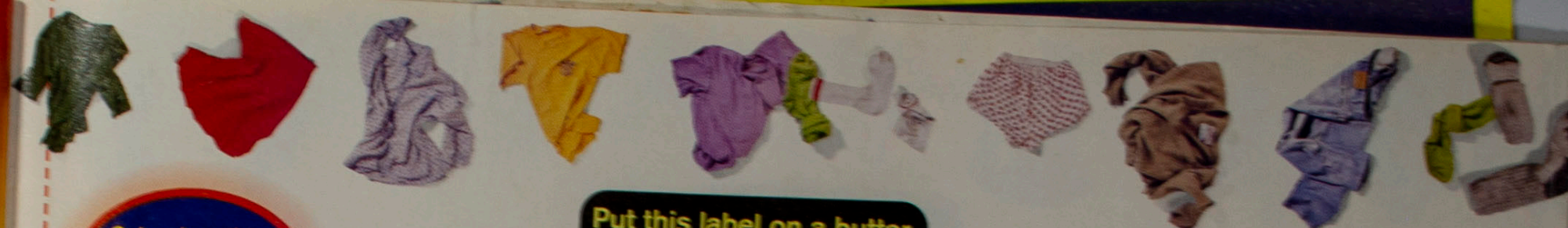
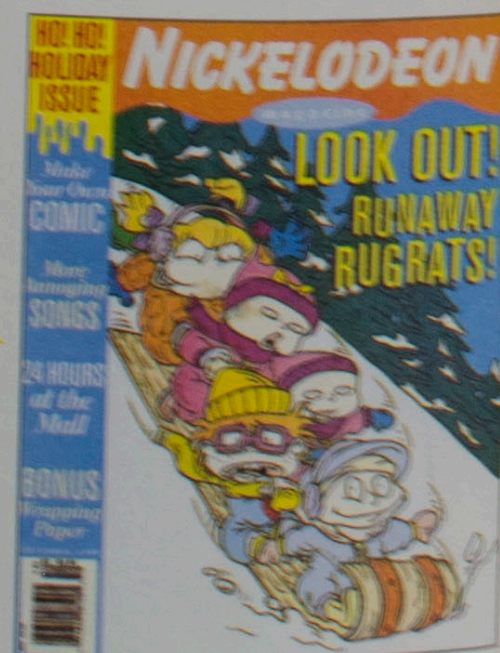
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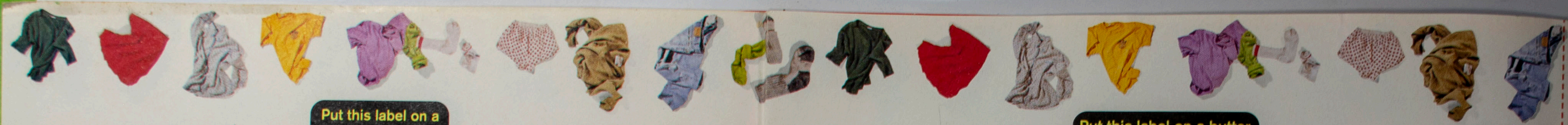
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2. Wash clothes on regular cycle.
3. Remove clothes and line dry on a piece of dental floss.
4. Pack.

TO EXPAND

1. Using an eyedropper, apply one drop to each garment.
2. Stand back as clothes expand to original size.
3. Get dressed!



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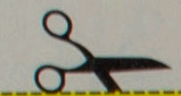
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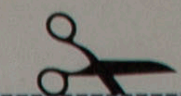
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Directions:

1. Place one sheet in dryer. (Note: For cardigan, use one sheet. For crewneck, use two sheets.)
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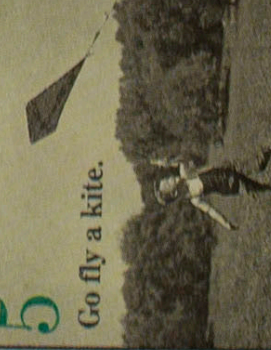



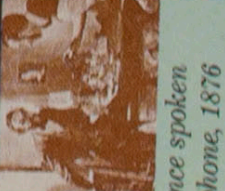



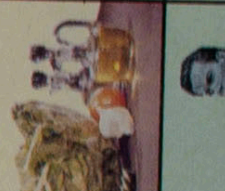
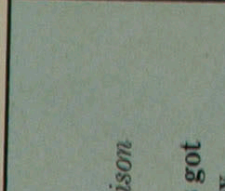

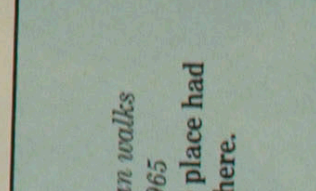

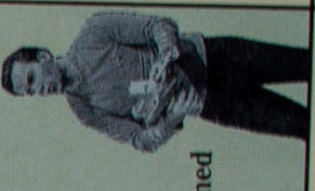




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3 Alexander Graham Bell born, 1847 Spend all day on the phone. 	4 Vermont becomes the 14th state, 1791 Don't be a sap. 	5 Go fly a kite. 	6 Fall of the Alamo, 1836 And don't you forget it!	7 Wear a pair of glasses upside down. 	8 Have you forgotten the Alamo yet? 	9 Amerigo Vespucci, explorer, born, 1451 Ride A-merigo-round and don't Vespucci. 
10 First sentence spoken on the telephone, 1876 "Mr. Watson, is your refrigerator running?" 	11 Johnny Appleseed Day This day is very a-peeling. 	12 Girl Scouts founded, 1912 Toss your cookies. 	13 Uranus discovered, 1781 Watch out for Klingons.	14 Albert Einstein born, 1879 He was a real bundle of energy. 	15 Julius Caesar killed, 44 B.C. Make a Caesar salad. 	16 James Madison born, 1751 His parents got him a Dolley. 
17 St. Patrick's Day Have lots of luck today. 	18 First human walks in space, 1965 He felt the place had no atmosphere. 	19 Bruce Willis born, 1955 Did he Cry Hard?	20 Fred "Mister" Rogers born, 1928 Say "Hi" to your neighbors. 	21 Zodiac sign Aries begins Ewe, gross!	22 William Shatner born, 1931 He was beamed down today. 	23 Walk backward.
24 Harry Houdini born, 1874 He escaped from his mother. 	25 Independence Day in Greece Have a toga party.	26 Sandra Day O'Connor, U.S. Supreme Court Justice, born, 1930 Don't judge others.	27 Florida sighted by Juan Ponce de Leon, 1521 He was on his spring break. 	28 Reba McEntire born, 1954 See the country.	29 Oscar Mayer born, 1859 That's no baloney. 	30 Vincent van Gogh, Dutch artist, born, 1853 Ears to you, Vince. 

"No Ooze is Bad Ooze"

MARCH 1996

All about Nickelodeon

Space Cases Blasts Off

What would you do if you were trapped on a spaceship with your teacher and assistant principal for the next seven years?

Space Cases, Nickelodeon's new science-fiction show, is the story of five kids who find out for themselves. Set in the year 2261, *Space Cases* follows five students (the "space cases") who study—or rather, don't study—at the Starcademy, a training school for intergalactic heroes.

Their troubles begin when they are sent to a special three-week summer-school program. One day, the students wander aboard a mysterious alien ship, which is empty—except for a robot. Their teacher and assistant principal follow them on board—and are about to tell the kids to return to school—when the ship suddenly blasts off through a freak hole in space. The ship ends up on the other side of the galaxy, and the shortest course back to the Starcademy will take seven years to complete. The space cases are trapped—and their adventures begin.

Space Cases premieres on Saturday, March 2, at 9 PM. Subject to change. Check local listings for details.



BILL MUMY (LEFT) AND MARK HAMILL (OF STAR WARS FAME) MAKE GUEST APPEARANCES ON *SPACE CASES*.



Bill Mumy, the show's co-creator (with Peter David), knows a lot about science fiction. From ages 10 to 14, he starred in the classic TV show *Lost in Space*. Currently, he stars on *Babylon 5*, another TV sci-fi adventure show. We asked him some spacey questions.

Nickelodeon Magazine: What would you do if you met an alien?

Bill Mumy: I guess it would depend on the alien. If he were friendly, I'd find out what kind of music he listens to. I would ask him if he'd like to make a guest appearance on *Space Cases*. He wouldn't have to go to makeup.

NM: What makes *Space Cases* different from other TV shows?

BM: It's a sci-fi show about kids. Another thing that makes it different is that there are no hand weapons. People aren't going around blasting one another.

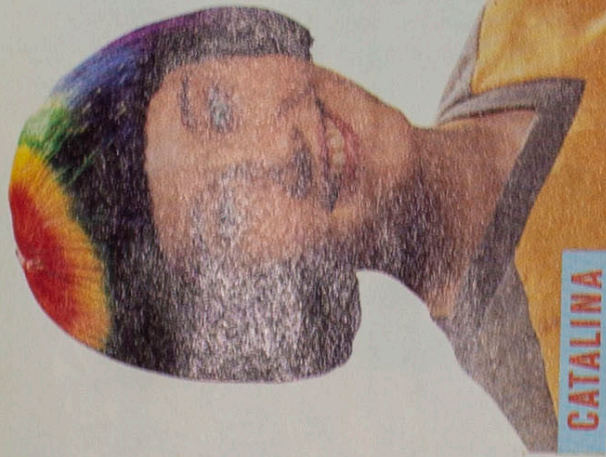
NM: If you could ride a rocket into space, would you?
BM: If I could go to the airport and get on a spacecraft, I'd do it in a minute.

NM: What's your favorite planet?

BM: My favorite planet is Earth, but it needs a lot of work.

NM: Would you want to live in space?

BM: I'd rather live in Hawaii. But California isn't so bad.



CATALINA

Home: Titan (one of Saturn's moons)
Special characteristics: Catalina has rainbow-striped hair. She also has an invisible friend named Suzee. No one but Catalina knows if Suzee really exists. Catalina says that it's Suzee who comes up with all the bright ideas.
Played by: Jewel Staite, age 13

THE CAST OF CASES

Your guide to who's who in the crew

HARLAN

Home: Earth
Special characteristics: Harlan has natural leadership skills, but he often makes mistakes. After all, he's only human.
Played by: Walter Jones



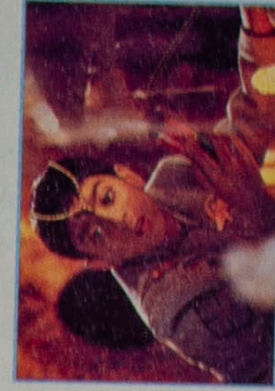
RADU

Home: Andromeda (a constellation)
Special characteristics: Radu has spiral-shaped ears, which give him super-hearing. He also has super-strength—10 times that of a human.
Played by: Kristian Ayre, age 18



ROSIE

Home: Mercury
Special characteristics: Pink skin and a hairless body. When she gets angry, her face turns very red. If Rosie gets frustrated or upset, she also radiates heat. The temperature of the room increases and she sets off the sprinkler systems.
Played by: Paige Christina, age 13



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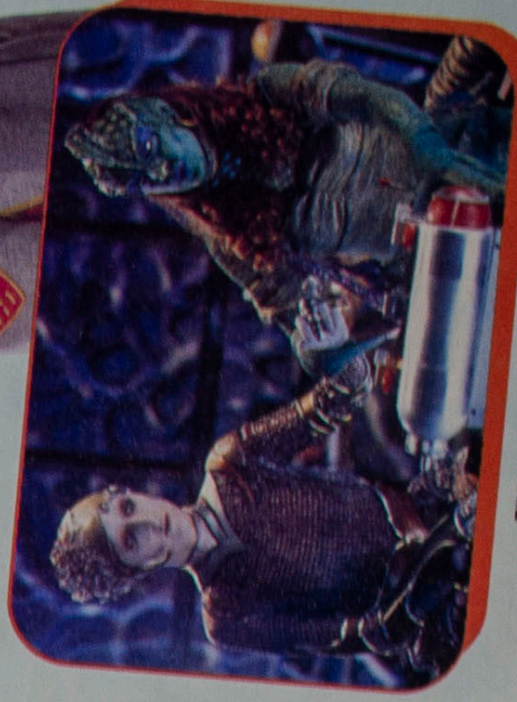
Home: Uranus
Special characteristics: Bova has a pair of antennae on his forehead. They can generate electricity.
Played by: Rahi Azizi, age 13

And...

THELMA is an android. Her fingers can do almost anything, from screwing in screws to dispensing beverages.


COMMANDER SETH GODDARD is the kids' teacher. He sometimes loses his temper trying to keep the space cases in line.

T. J. DAVENPORT is the assistant principal who expects perfection from others and from herself.



THELMA HELPS FIX AN ALIEN SHIP.

Ask the BOSS LADY

Where you ask the president of Nickelodeon, Geraldine B. Laybourne, anything you want. 



Do you always wear pencils in your hair?

Only when I'm trying to look really smart!

What was the worst smell you ever smelled, and where were you when you smelled it?

When I was growing up, the New Jersey Meadowlands smelled like 40,000 skunks had had a spraying party. (That was before the property was cleaned up and a sports complex was built there.)

What is your favorite smell?

My favorite smell is chocolate-chip cookies being baked in the oven—or maybe it's brownies.

Are you as funky as Nickelodeon's characters?

I've always thought of myself as down-to-earth and funky. But, to make sure I answered your question correctly, I looked up *funky* in the dictionary. One definition is "having an offensive odor." The next time someone calls me funky, I'm going to ask them exactly what they mean by it.

What's New on Nick

Ren and Stimpy on the Move

Starting March 16, *The Ren & Stimpy Show* will be on Saturdays at 6 PM.

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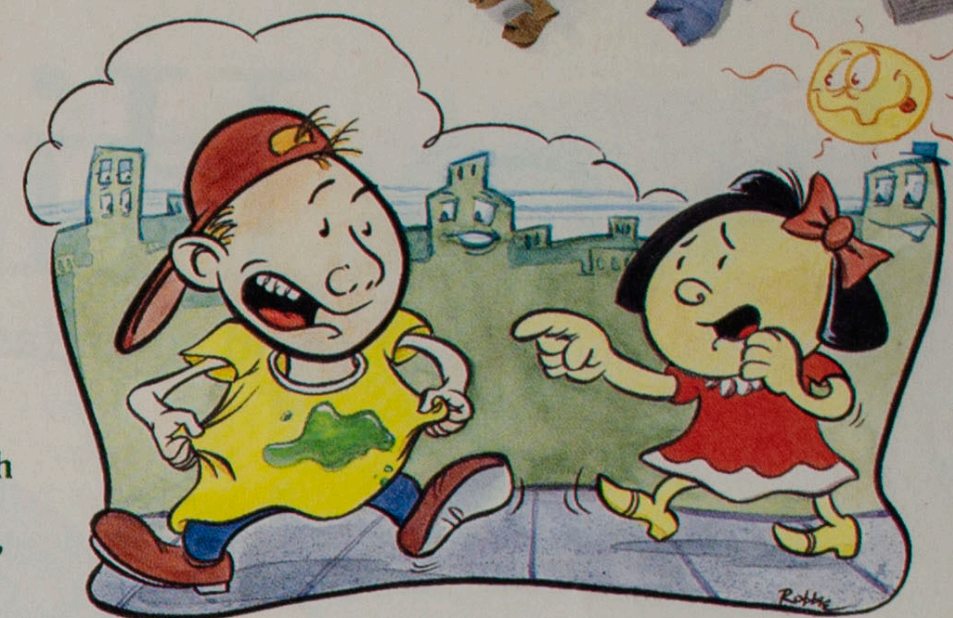
Watch *The Mystery Files of Shelby Woo*, a new show about a 16-year-old amateur detective, on weekends starting in March.


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Stain?


I Don't See Any Stain!

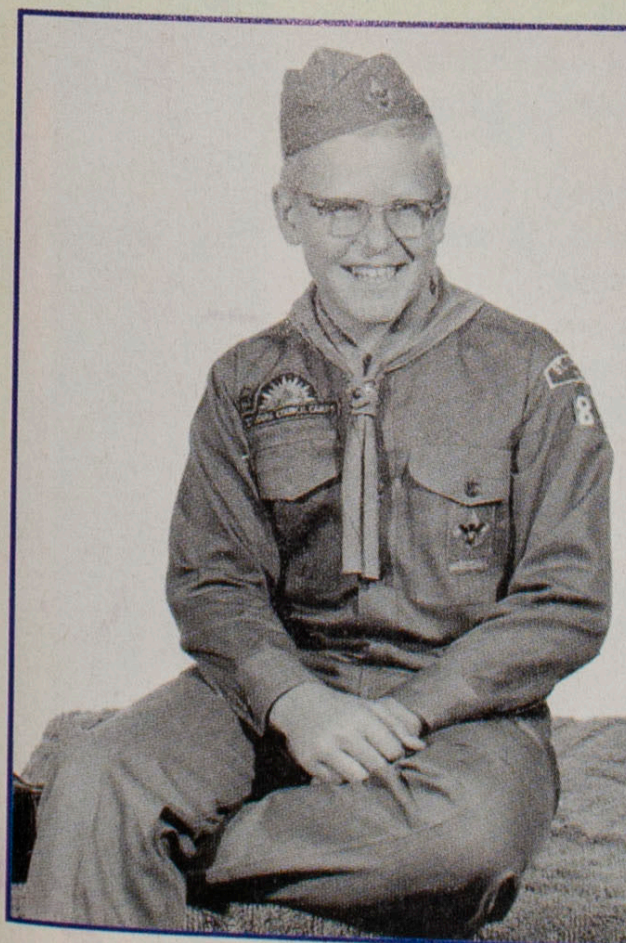
When you get a stain on your favorite shirt, is it ruined forever? Instead of tossing it away, wear it with pride. Here are some clever comebacks to use when someone says, "Hey! You've got a stain on your shirt!"



1. "Stain? I don't see any stain! Have you had your eyes checked recently?"
2. "It's my pet blotch, Spot." 
3. "That's my lunch. I'm saving it for later."
4. "It's a tie-dye in progress."
5. "It's a logo for my company, Blech Industries."
6. "It's my shirt's beauty mark."
7. "It's a psychological test. What do *you* think it looks like?"
8. "It's the capital of my shirt."
9. "It's camouflage. Since you can see me, I guess it's not working."
10. "It's a traveling exhibit of tomato sauce."
11. "Actually, it's the only clean part of my shirt. The *rest* of the shirt is the stain."

Face to Face

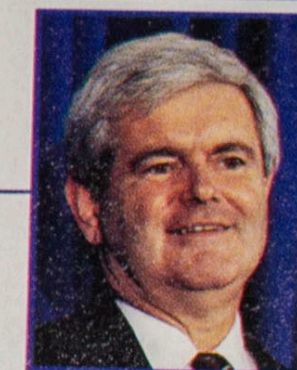
Take a good look at the boy on the left. He grew up to be one of the famous men on the right. Can you guess which one he is? Answer on page 55. 



John Goodman
Actor

Dana Carvey
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Newt Gingrich
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Fast History of

The revealing stories behind some fasten-ating devices.

Buttons

More than 35,000 years ago: The ancestor of buttons appears. The Cro-Magnons use pins made of bones to keep their animal-skin clothes together.

1200s: In Europe, buttons become popular as decoration on clothes.

1500s: King Francis I of France wears an outfit with 13,600 golden buttons.

The mid-1700s: It is said that Frederick the Great, King of Prussia, demands that buttons be sewn on to the sleeve cuffs of military uniforms. The reason: to keep his soldiers from wiping their noses on their sleeves.



A 19th century New York City cop.

1844: New York City establishes an official police department. The uniforms have large copper buttons—and people start calling the police "cops."

1861-1865: Some Civil War soldiers wear tintype buttons, which are made from small photographs of loved ones. Also, in the late 1800s, "picture buttons" become trendy—they show scenes from popular books, plays, and operas.

Zippers

1893: Whitcomb Judson patents the "clasp locker," the first zipper like fastener. He designs it to replace the laces on boots. It doesn't stay shut very well.

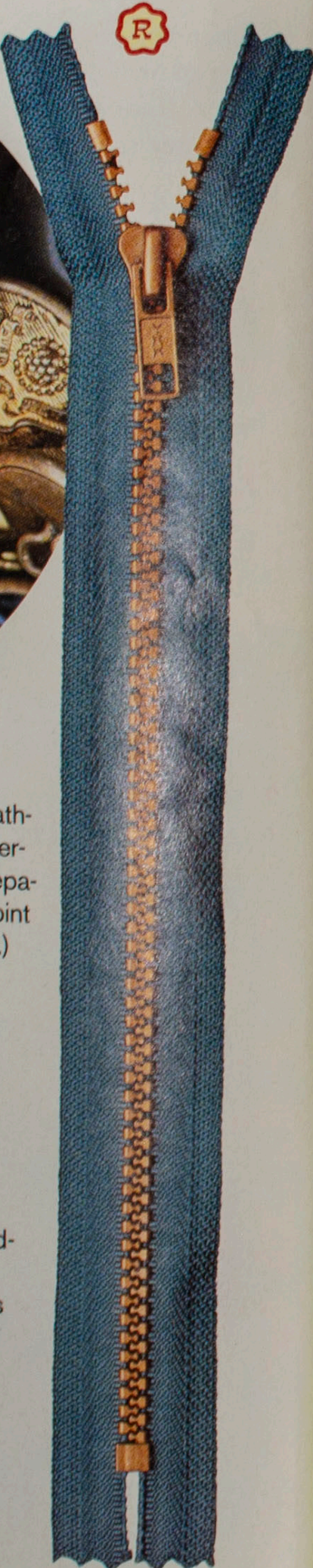
1913: Gideon Sundback improves Judson's fastener and calls it the Hookless Fastener #2. It is basically the same

zipper that's around today. (It's constructed similarly to the barbs of a feather, which have lots of microscopic interlocking "teeth." That's why you can separate the strands of a feather at any point and then smooth them back together.)

1923: The B. F. Goodrich Rubber Company makes rubber boots that have Hookless Fasteners. The boots are named Zippers, and soon the Hookless Fastener becomes known as the "zipper."

Early 1930s: Still, zippers are considered unfashionable, except in kids' clothes (because they allow little kids to dress themselves).

1934: Zippers finally catch on. Albert, Prince of Wales, starts wearing zip-fly pants and other men



Fasteners

follow his lead. Before this, there was a concern that zippers in the flies of men's pants might open by mistake, so most pants had a button fly.

Velcro

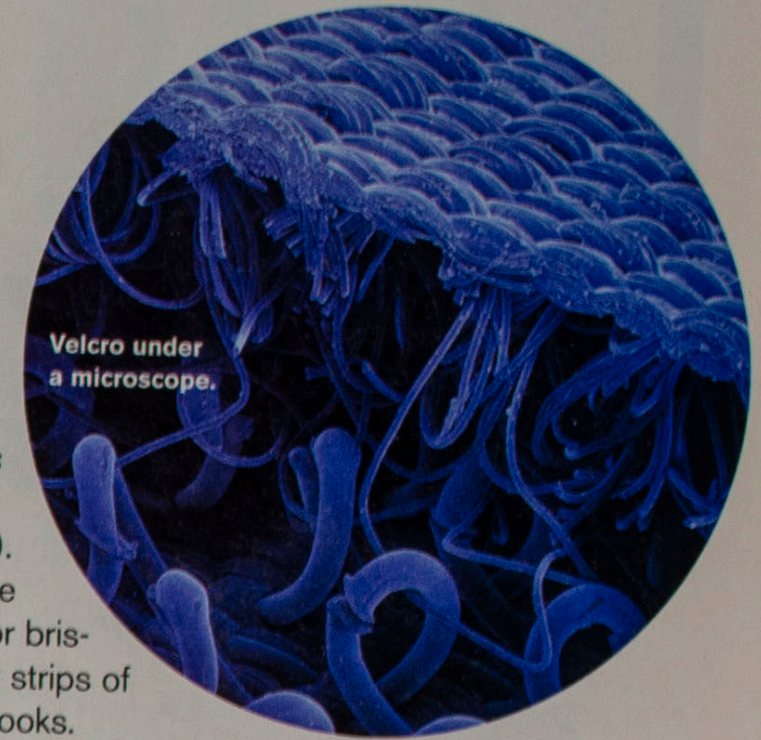
Late 1940s: Swiss inventor George de Mestral takes a walk in the woods and returns with his pant cuffs covered with burrs. Examining the burrs with a microscope, he notices the burrs have tiny hooks at their ends; these hooks let them attach to fabric. He sets out to create a man-made fabric to mimic the burr's holding power. (People claim that he had been thinking about creating a new fastener ever since his wife's dress zipper had jammed a few months before.)

1956: De Mestral patents his invention in Europe under

the name Velcro, which comes from the French words *velours* (velvet) and *crochet* (hook). What looks like strips of fuzz or bristle are actually strips of tiny loops or hooks.

1960s: Velcro goes into space (and to the moon) on the suits of Apollo astronauts.

Early 1980s: Velcro is used instead of laces on a lot of sneakers.



Velcro under a microscope.

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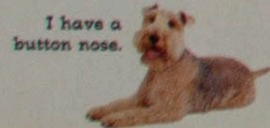
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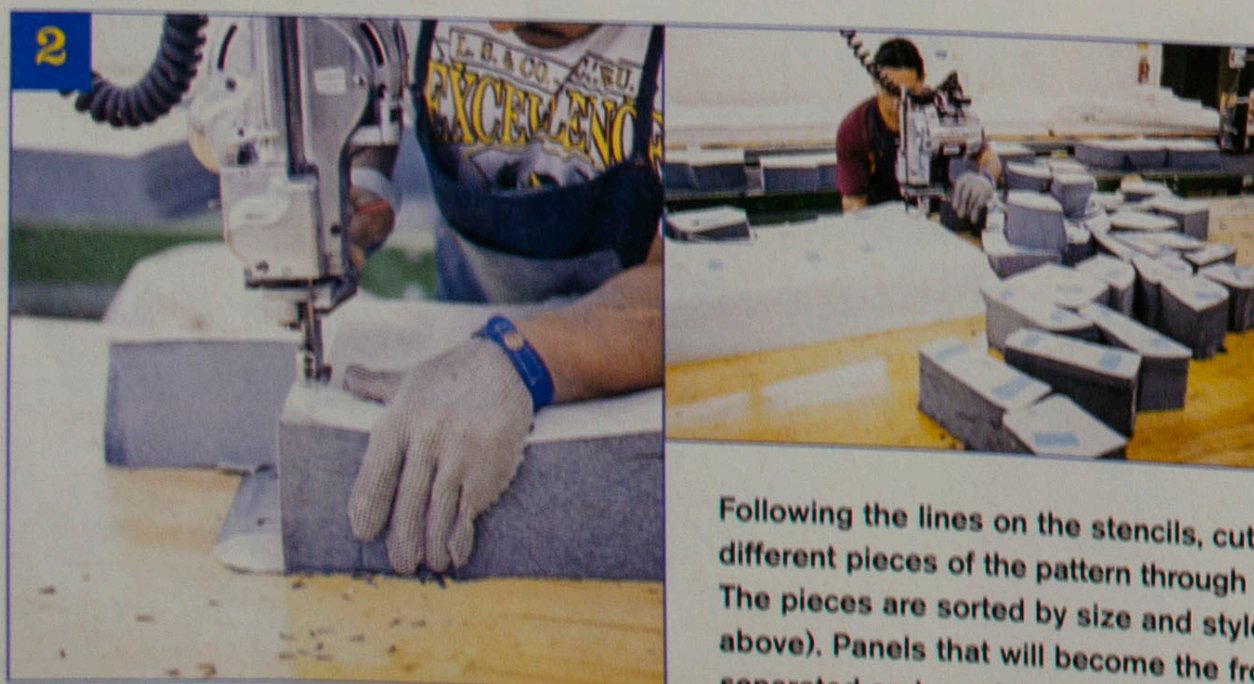
It's All in the Jeans

The Riveting Story of Blue Jeans

It takes you two steps to get into a pair of jeans—right leg, left leg. But it takes many more steps to actually make a pair. NICKELODEON MAGAZINE visited the 600 people who work at a Levi Strauss & Company plant in San Antonio, Texas, to find out how jeans are made.



Denim is unrolled from spools (left) and layered 10 inches thick on cutting tables. Then paper stencils are placed on top.



Following the lines on the stencils, cutters saw out the different pieces of the pattern through the layers of denim (left). The pieces are sorted by size and style (behind the workers above). Panels that will become the fronts and backs are separated and are delivered to different groups of workers.



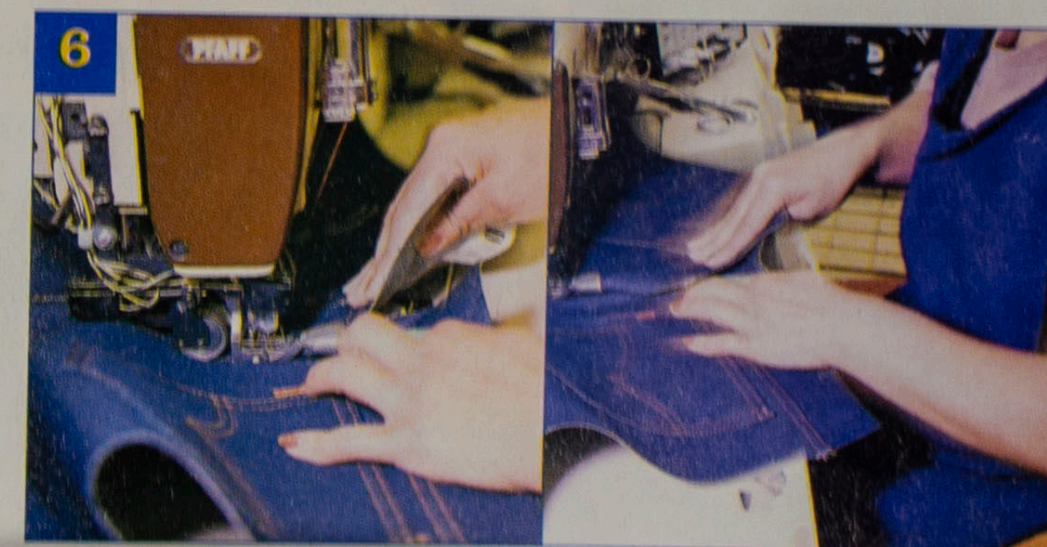
The outer edges of the back pockets (left) are hemmed under, and the arches are stitched in (right).



The back pockets are sewn on to the back panels. The same machine attaches the Levi's tag to the right-hand back panel.

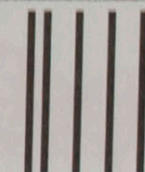


The riser (the horizontal strip of material between the back pockets) is then stitched in.



The seat seam, which connects the two back panels, is then stitched in. At this point, the back is finished.

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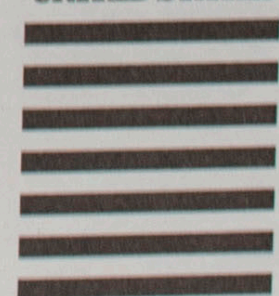
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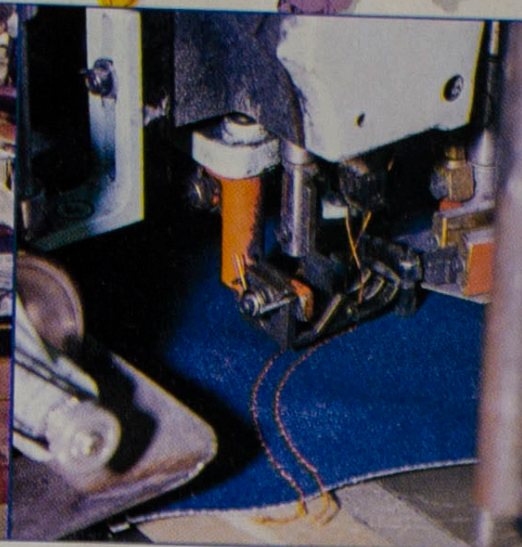
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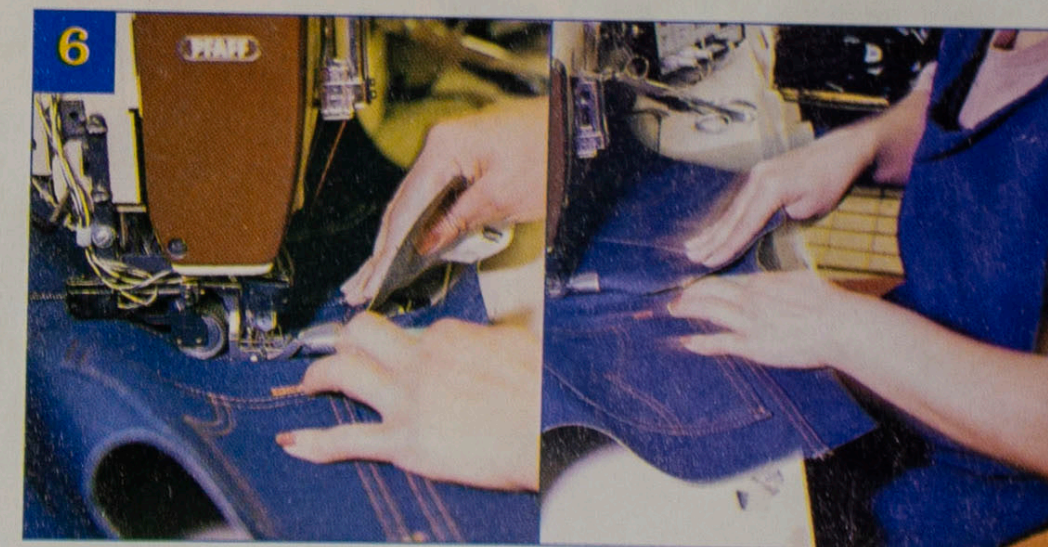
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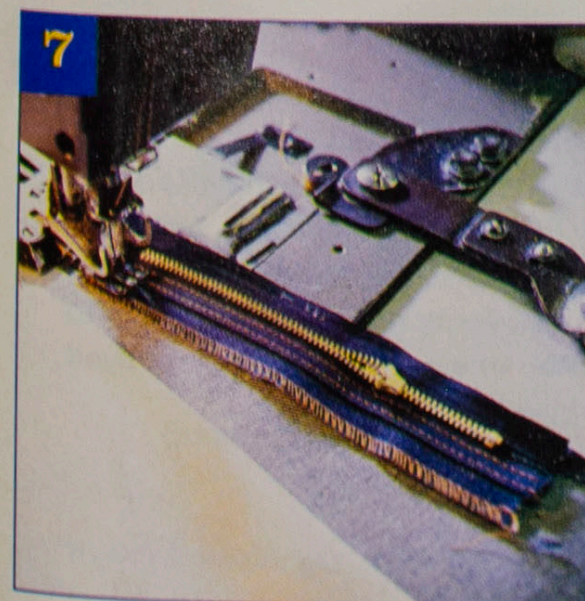
The back pockets are sewn on to the back panels. The same machine attaches the Levi's tag to the right-hand back panel.



The riser (the horizontal strip of material between the back pockets and the waistband) is sewn along the tops of each back panel.



The seat seam, which connects the two back panels, is then stitched in. At this point, the back is finished.



As some workers are assembling the back, others are working on the fronts. Here's what they do:

- First, they sew the little change pocket in place.
- The zipper is sewn into the left side (shown at left), and the big front pockets are put in.
- The zipper is attached to the right side.
- The right and left sides are joined below the zipper.



Spools of the signature gold thread.



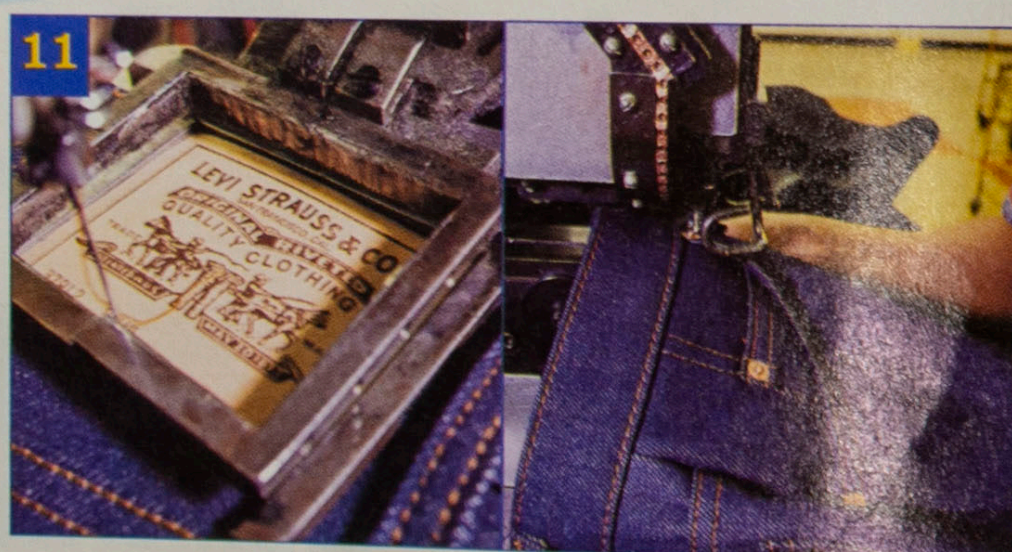
The front and back are ready to be joined; the two pieces are turned inside out and stitched up the outsides of the legs. The fabric is reversed and the inseam (the stitching on the inside of the leg) is sewn next.



The waistband is sewn onto the top of the pants. Then the button is attached, and the buttonhole is made.



A machine folds and hems the bottom of the pant—or shorts—legs. Then the five belt loops are affixed.



Finally, the Levi's patch is sewn on to the waistband, the rivets are stamped in, and loose threads are trimmed.



The finished jeans are bundled in groups of 60, from which six pairs are chosen to be inspected. If an inspector finds something wrong, all the jeans in that bundle are sent back to be fixed. If they pass the test, some of the jeans are sent to a finishing center, where they're washed or dyed. Others are shipped directly to stores.

—reported by Robin Sayers

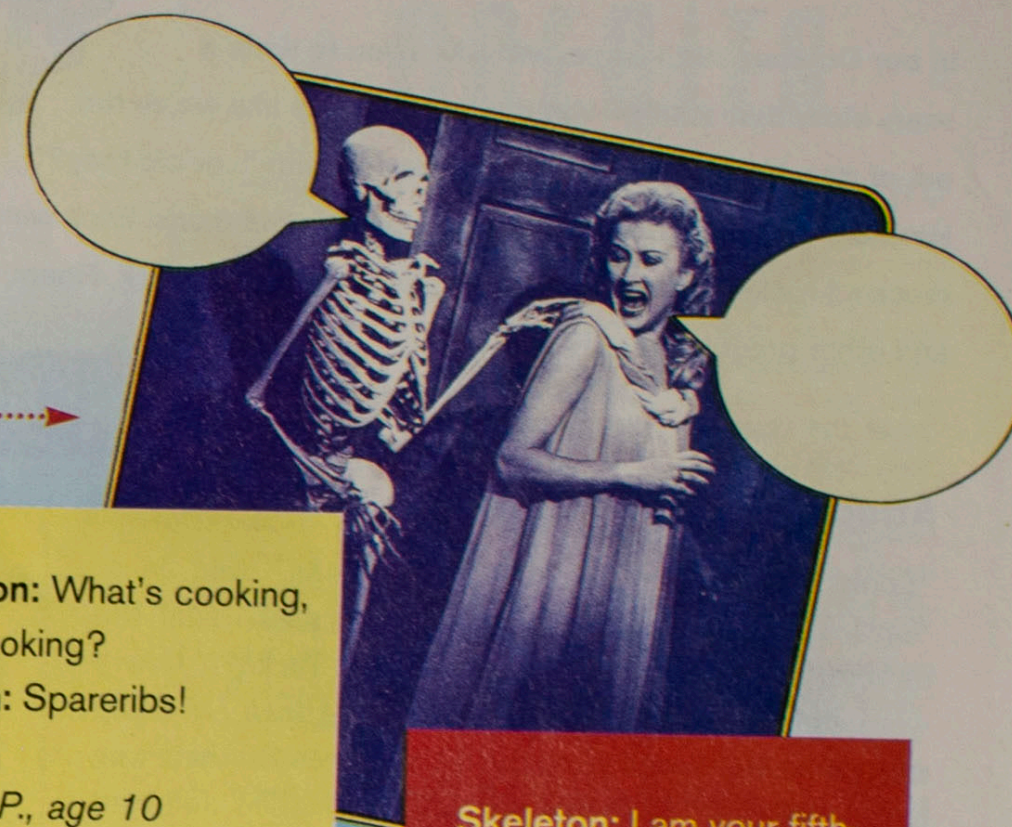
Whatever *you* Want

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Say What?

From the October 1995 issue:

We asked you to give this skeleton and this woman something to say. Here are our favorite entries.



Skeleton: Could I have this dance, please?

Woman: Yes, of corpse.

Terry H., age 6
Marquette, Michigan

Skeleton: What's cooking, good looking?

Woman: Spareribs!

Megan P., age 10
Yonkers, New York

Skeleton: Hey, where did you buy that skin costume?

Woman: At Skin City. It was really cheap!

Sara R., age 11
Morton Grove, Illinois

Skeleton: Janice, this house makes my skin crawl.

Woman: Again?! Let's go catch it!

Amanda T., age 10
Cartersville, Georgia

Skeleton: I am your fifth-grade science teacher. Don't you remember me?

Woman: Aaah...I never should have stolen Mr. Smith's answer key. I knew that there would always be a skeleton in my closet to haunt me!

Jessica W., age 13
Miami, Florida

Skeleton: Hey, what did you do with my mother?

Woman: I'm sorry, my dog buried her.



Brandon M., age 11
Young America, Minnesota

Skeleton: I was going to ask you to dance, but I didn't have the guts.

Woman: Forget it! You have obviously given your heart to someone else.

Rachel K., age 12
Mission Viejo, California

Skeleton: Can I borrow some more of your vanishing cream?

Woman: Yikes! No! I think you've had enough.

David B., age 10
Brooklyn, New York

SCARY STORY

Contest Results

In our October 1995 issue, we asked you to write a scary story that started with the line, "Looks like we've run out of gas, Marsha," said John" and ended with "...or *did* they?"

Here are our contest winners and honorable mentions. Each winner received Nickelodeon Videos, a Nickelodeon T-shirt, Gak, Floam, Smud, and other great Nickelodeon stuff.

WINNERS

Attack of the Cheez Whiz

"Looks like we've run out of gas, Marsha," said John. "Cut! The line is, 'Marsha, there's no gas!'" said the director. John Hamn' Eggs and Marsha Turkey'n' Gravy were starring in a movie called *Cheese Attack III*. They also carpooled to and from the set together. On their way home that night, Marsha's car suddenly stalled. John got out and looked under the hood. "We've run out of gas," muttered John. They were in the middle of nowhere. Just like in our movie, thought Marsha. Then, globs of cheese waylaid them! "Ahhhhhh!!!!" they screamed. John frantically reached into the car. If only...yes! Crackers! They feasted all night on cheese and crackers. They didn't get indigestion...or *did* they?

Jessica C., age 11
Cincinnati, Ohio

When the Needle Points to Empty

"Looks like we've run out of gas, Marsha," said John. Marsha saw the fuel needle point to empty and screamed, "No, I don't want to go back!" Hugging her, John said, "When we run out of gas, we must go back. That's the rule." Their car had stalled by a cemetery, which they entered. Marsha cried as she looked into an open grave. John held her saying, "If someone puts gas in the car, we can go for another ride. Until then, we belong here." The tombstone above the grave read MARSHA AND JOHN DIED 1967...or *did* they?

Tani J., age 10
Shenandoah, Pennsylvania



"Push for Your Life!"

"Looks like we've run out of gas, Marsha," said John. "Why don't you ask for gas there?" suggested Marsha, pointing to a dark, gloomy house. As John walked toward the house, he noticed a polyester skirt and a purple jacket were draped from a clothesline, and vultures were giving him the eye. He knocked on the door nervously. It creaked open, and someone said, "Yes?" Marsha heard a bloodcurdling scream and then saw John racing toward her. "It's my seventh-grade principal! Push for your life!" And they pushed their car in record time and escaped from his principal...or *did* they?

Jennifer T., age 13
Barstow, California

HONORABLE MENTIONS

What's That Smell?
Josh D., age 13
Greenwood, Indiana

The Nothing of Bermuda
Adam P., age 10
Tulsa, Oklahoma

A Strange Night
Rachel W.
Woodruff, Wisconsin

Squeak-Thump
Veronica N., age 12
Apple Valley, California

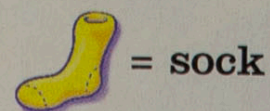
*Thanks for all your great entries!
You gave us quite a fright.*

ANSWERS

Folks Who Are Duds (page 4)

The true facts are 2, 3, and 5.

The Perfect Mismatch (page 8)



= sock



= match



= moon



= rose



= boxer



= garbage



= pear (pair)



= feet



= knight (night)



= jam



= bed



= sock



= kilt (killed)



= balls



= toes



= hand



= shoes



= knot (not)

Name That President! (page 32)

1-Washington, 2-Taylor, 3-Hayes, 4-Truman, 5-Adams, 6-Bush, 7-Ford, 8-Cleveland, 9-Reagan.

Really Loud Outfits (page 36)

1-B, 2-A, 3-B, 4-C, 5-A, 6-B, 7-C, 8-A, 9-B, 10-B, 11-A, 12-B.

Face to Face (page 47)

The boy in the picture is John Goodman.

A Goodman is hard to find.

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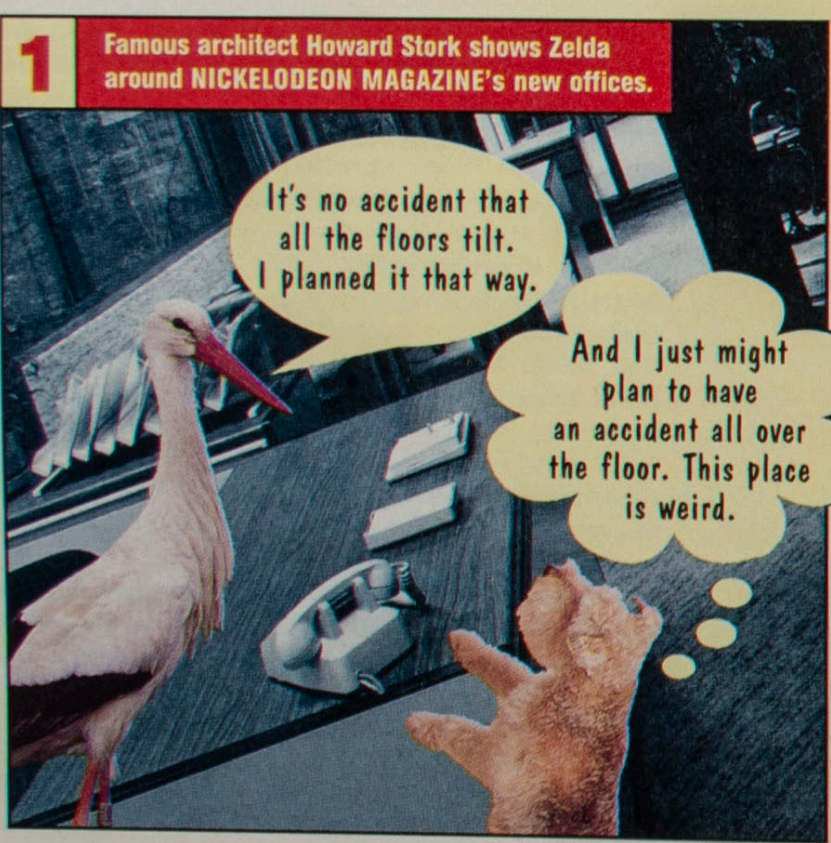
Ruffing It

Episode 16

Strictly for the Birds

Featuring **Zelda Van Gutters**,
NICKELODEON MAGAZINE's Roving Reporter

1 Famous architect Howard Stork shows Zelda around NICKELODEON MAGAZINE's new offices.



It's no accident that all the floors tilt. I planned it that way.

And I just might plan to have an accident all over the floor. This place is weird.

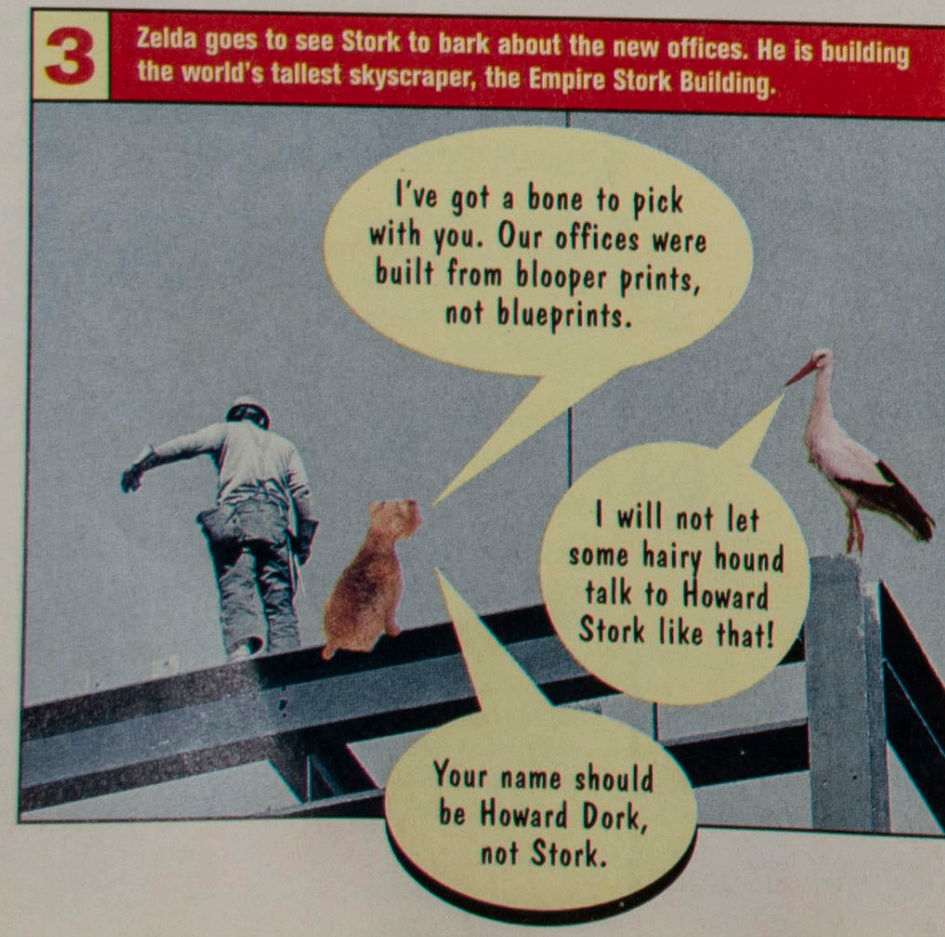
2 The next day, Zelda settles into her new office, which she shares with an MTV VJ, the Notorious P.I.G.



No offense, but the office is starting to look like a pigsty.

I thought this was a pigsty. Oops, my pen just ran out of oink, I mean ink.

3 Zelda goes to see Stork to bark about the new offices. He is building the world's tallest skyscraper, the Empire Stork Building.



I've got a bone to pick with you. Our offices were built from blooper prints, not blueprints.

I will not let some hairy hound talk to Howard Stork like that!

Your name should be Howard Dork, not Stork.

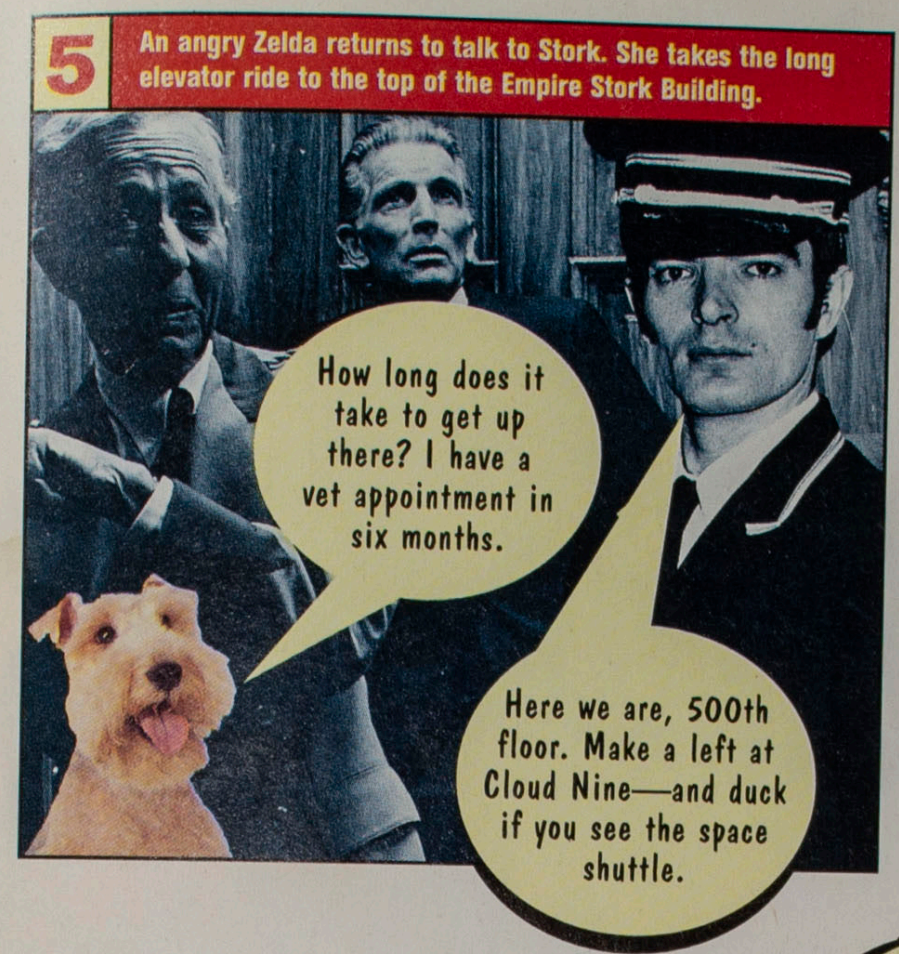
4 Weeks later, Zelda still can't get used to her new office.



That's it, P.I.G.! I'm fed up with your slop. And you're hogging all the space.

Stop! Don't pop your top. I'll get a mop to sop up this glop and slop.

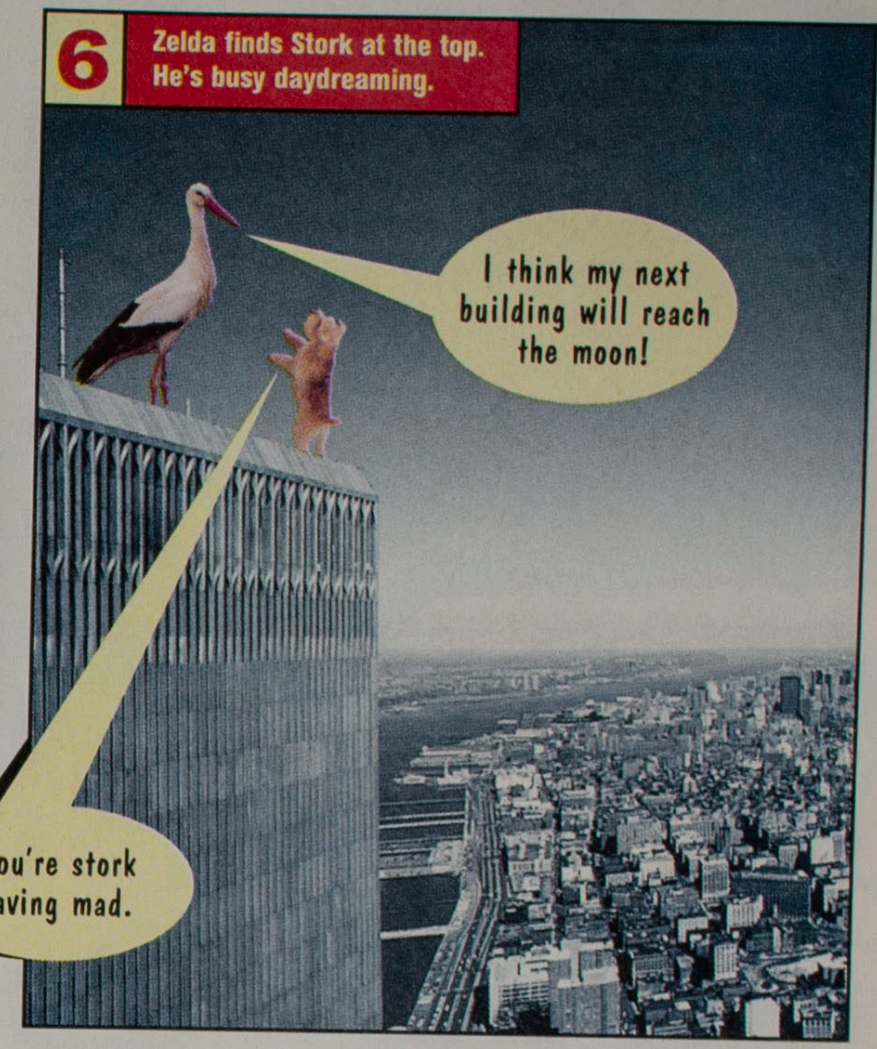
5 An angry Zelda returns to talk to Stork. She takes the long elevator ride to the top of the Empire Stork Building.



How long does it take to get up there? I have a vet appointment in six months.

Here we are, 500th floor. Make a left at Cloud Nine—and duck if you see the space shuttle.

6 Zelda finds Stork at the top. He's busy daydreaming.



I think my next building will reach the moon!

You're stork raving mad.

7 Zelda sees that Stork's birdbrained building is not just scraping the sky, it's making a hole in it! On the street below, thousands flee....



Oh no!!!

The sky's bleeding! The sky's bleeding!

It's a red alert!

8 Zelda applies a jumbo bandage to the sky-high cut and saves the day.



Maybe I should stick to delivering babies.

Now that I got you out of this scrape, it's back to building blocks for you.

9 The magazine offices have been redesigned, and everybody is happy. But now there's a new problem.



Hi, I'm Skunk Loder from MTV News. I'll be sharing the office with you.

This really stinks. Zelda, doesn't this fry your bacon?

I think I just went from the fat to the frying pan.

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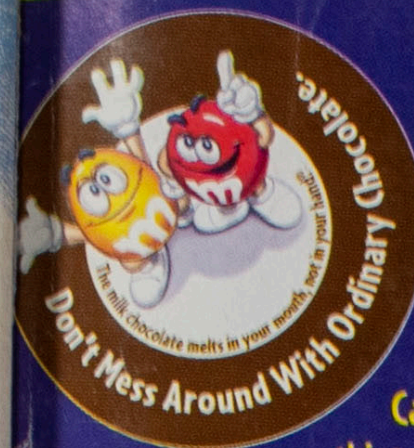
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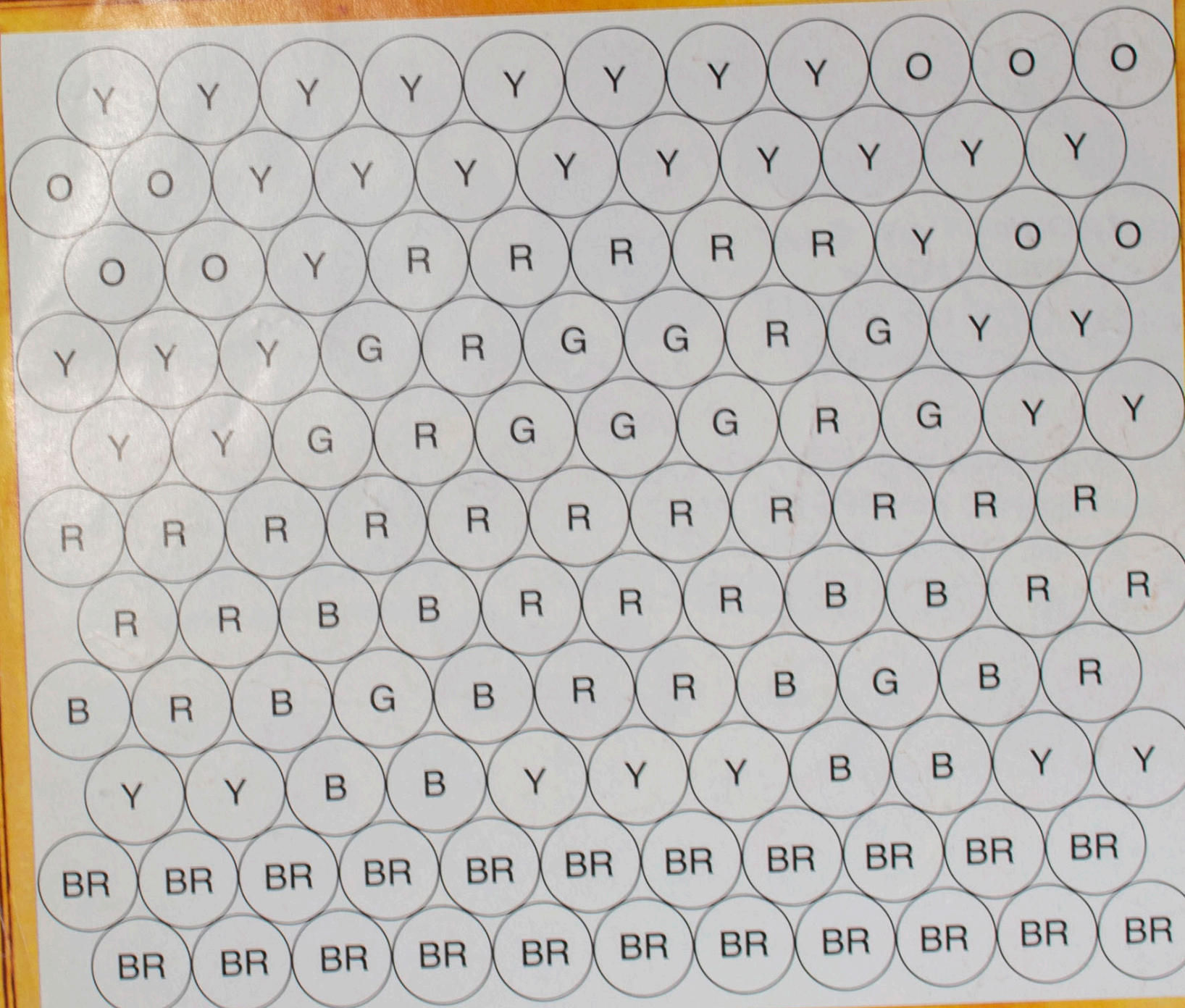
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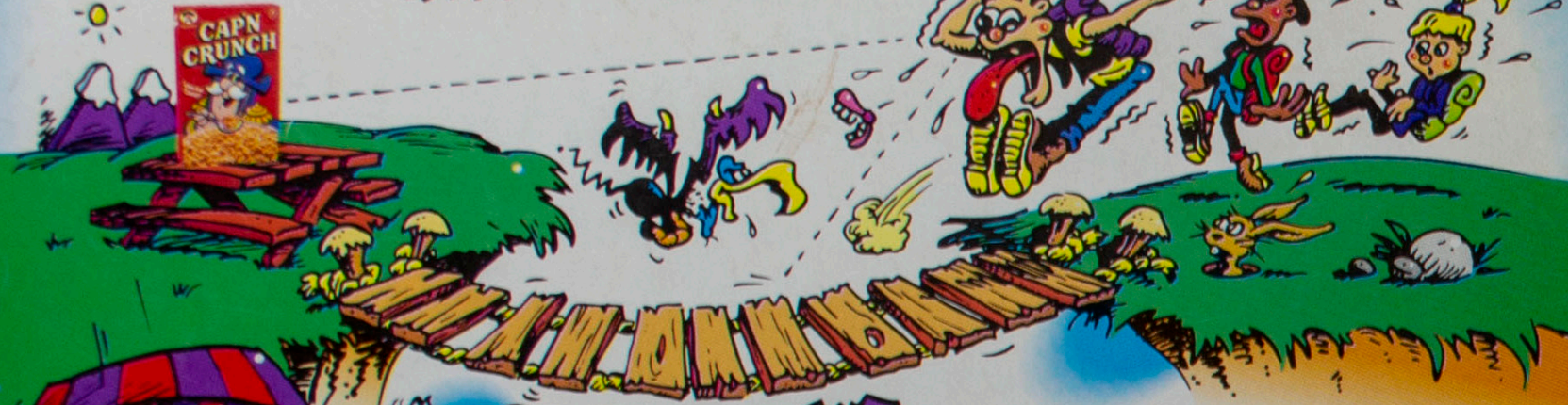
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